

# Village of Bloomingdale *Almanac*

FEBRUARY 2006

Important  
voting  
changes  
for the  
upcoming  
election

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## *From the Desk of* Mayor Bob Iden

There is no doubt that those of us who live in DuPage County pay some hefty property tax bills. In Bloomingdale, however, the amount our residents actually pay to the Village is a very small portion of that total tax bill, partly due to our terrific sales tax base. The other reason is due to the fact that each year the Bloomingdale Village Board abates or deducts 100 percent of its annual debt service from the total amount of property taxes levied. We do this each year by "setting aside" a portion of our revenues to cover this expense.

At the January 9, 2006 Village Board meeting, the Village Board voted to abate the total 2005 debt service property tax levy, which this year was \$2,579,266.26. This amount comes from the 2001 General Obligation Bonds which relate to the police and public works facilities and the golf course open space land acquisition financing, as well as from the 2002 General Obligation Refunding Bonds which relate to the refunding of the Water & Sewer Fund's 1992 Revenue Bonds.

Funds to cover the abatement of the 2001 G.O. Bonds came from General Corporate Fund, Water & Sewer Fund and Home Rule Sales Tax Fund. As more than two-thirds of those dollars (\$1,237,596.26) came from our home rule sales tax, that means the majority of those dollars came from shoppers coming into Bloomingdale from other towns. Funds to cover the 2002 G.O. Bonds came from the Water & Sewer Fund.

The property tax savings to a Bloomingdale taxpayer owning a home with a market value of approximately \$293,000 is about \$275. The abatements reduce the Village's tax rate by 40¢; it is estimated the Village's tax rate will be about 11¢ per \$100 of assessed value. This is one of the lowest tax rates in DuPage County. The aforementioned home with a market value of \$293,000 would expect to pay just over \$100 in property taxes to the Village for services such as police protection, snow plowing, brush pick-up, road improvements and many other services.

The Village Board is proud to be able to continue these abatements, keeping our Village tax rate very low, while continuing to provide excellent services to our residents.

Illinois House Bill 1968 has initiated some important changes in Election Law beginning with the March 21 General Primary Election. The reason for many of these changes is to enable a greater percentage of individuals to vote. The change which will probably cause the biggest adjustment in Bloomingdale is that Absentee Voting will no longer be conducted at the Bloomingdale Village Hall. On the upside, though, "early voting," will now be possible at several sites in DuPage County, and one of these is the Bloomingdale Golf Course. Turn to page 5 to learn more about how this new legislation will affect you.

Stay warm.

Mayor Robert Iden



## 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

### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Six times a year or as needed

### 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

### 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

### 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

### BLOOMINGDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

## 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**

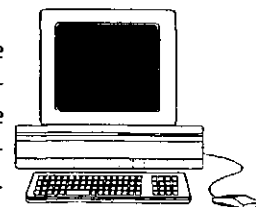
*Community Programs &  
Special Events*

**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 question to ask or an issue to bring to our attention, just E-mail it to us. If you wish to send us an electronic message, our address is:



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

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

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

## Congratulations, Chamber Honorees!



The Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce annually honors its members with awards for their contributions to the organization. The 2005 award recipients, recognized in December 2005 are:

**Rookie of the Year**, Amber Frantz, First American Bank

**Business of the Year**, Bloomingdale Fire Department represented by Chief David Christensen & Marshall Gray, President of the Fire District Board

**Incoming Chamber President** Liana Mirea (3rd from left), American Commercial Real Estate, Inc.

**Ambassador of the Year**, Patty Szerlong, Artful Touch Spa

**Business Person of the Year**, Don Helmig, Catering with Elegance by Glendale

# Spring Curbside Branch Collection Set for Week of April 17

Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. will once again perform branch collection under the direction of the Village Forestry Division. Branch collection will begin on Monday, April 17th. The program is only available to single family detached residences. Townhome residents should contact their association regarding branch collection.

## **BRANCH COLLECTION GUIDELINES:**

- Branches must be out by 7:00 a.m. on Monday, April 17.
- Woody branches 1/2 inch to 6 inches in diameter are the only items that will be picked up. (Note: any spikes, hooks or other metal objects must be removed).
- Long lengths are favored provided branches do not block sidewalks and pedestrian access.
- All branches should be placed at the curb or pavement edge and stacked in an orderly fashion with the cut or larger end towards the pavement.
- Thorny tree branches should not be concealed inside piles. These require special care as to not cause injuries to the workers.

### **The following items are unacceptable:**

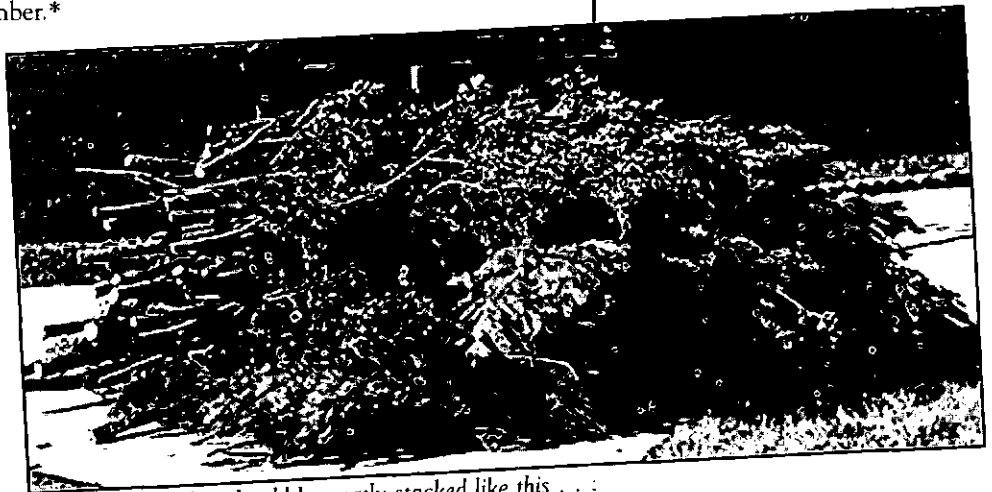
- Branches left out in a tangled mess.
- Woody branches under 1/2 inch in diameter.
- Leaves, vines, small (under 1/2 inch in diameter) flexible willow stems, herbaceous plants and weeds.
- Large stumps, roots and root balls.\*
- Wooden fencing and construction lumber.\*

The above items are considered yard waste and may be placed in bags or cans with tags for Allied Waste (our refuse hauler) pick-up. Yard waste pick-ups commence April 1st and continue through November 30th. Questions concerning Allied Waste pick-ups should be directed to 847-429-7370.

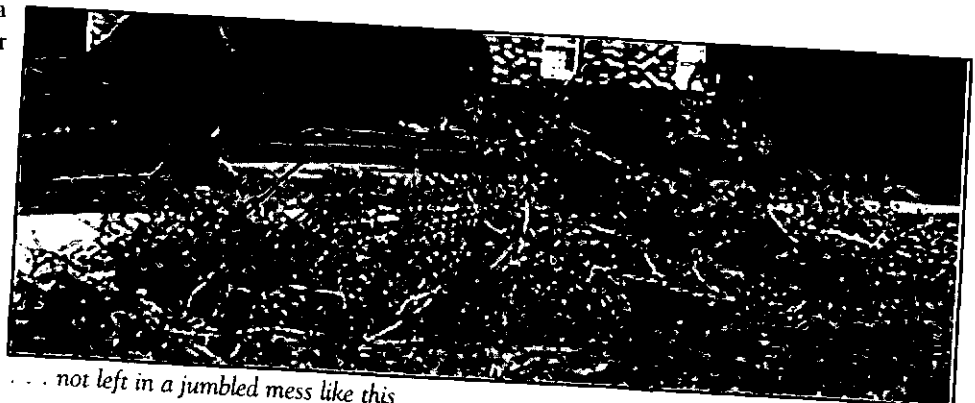
\*Large stumps, roots and root balls are considered trash and do not require a yard waste tag, provided each item is of manageable size and under 50 pounds. Wooden fencing and construction lumber are also considered trash, but require a special pick-up. Contact Allied Waste for more information.

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

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



*Branches should be neatly stacked like this . . .*



*. . . not left in a jumbled mess like this*

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

## 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 15**  
**May 17**  
**July 19**  
**September 20**  
**November 15**

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**  
**AGAINST CRIME –**  
**BLOOMINGDALE PARK**  
**DISTRICT**  
**Tuesday, August 1, 2006**  
**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

# Changes in Registration, New Early Voting Options Available For First Time in Spring Elections

March 21, 2006 marks the Spring General Primary Election in Illinois in which voters can select their choice for federal, state and county candidates for the November 7, 2006 General Election. Remember, in a primary, you must declare a party, unless you request a ballot for referendums only. Illinois House Bill 1968 has initiated some important changes in Election law beginning with this election. The anticipated result of these changes will be to enable a greater percentage of individuals to vote.

Here are changes that are important for our residents and business people to know:

**Registration:** When registering to vote for the first time, or changing your name or address, you no longer have to go to the Village or County you live in. Registrars (like those at the Village Hall and the Library) can now register anyone who lives anywhere in Illinois up until 28 days before an election. Under this new law, registration will continue up to 14 days before the election, but only at the County office where the individual resides. If an individual registers or makes changes to their registration at the County within that timeframe, he/she will be required to vote at the same time.

**Early voting** in person will now be allowed at selected sites, beginning 22 days before the election, up until 5 days before the election. Individuals must show identification and fill out an application, but do not need to provide a reason to vote early. You must vote in the County of your residency, although not necessarily in the town of your residency.

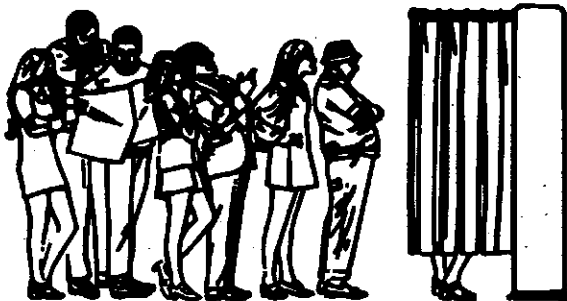
An early voting center to be located in Bloomingdale is the Pro Shop at the Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road. The site will be open beginning Tuesday, February 28 with the following hours: Tuesday 11:00 am - 7:00 pm; Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm; Saturday & Sunday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm; Closed on Monday.

To prevent individuals from voting early and often, the machines will be tied to a central voting database. A complete list of DuPage County locations and their hours will be published in the local papers prior to the sites opening.

**Absentee Voting will no longer be possible at the Bloomingdale Village Hall.** Absentee voting by mail begins 40 days before the election. Voting absentee requires a reason why the voter cannot vote on Election Day. Some of the Early Voting Centers will become Absentee Voting Centers once early voting stops five days before the election.

Although at first glance, this sounds more complicated, the end result should be better opportunity for voters to exercise their right to vote. For a simple list highlighting the changes, check out the box on the right..

For more information, check out the DuPage County website at [www.dupageelections.com](http://www.dupageelections.com) or call the DuPage County Election Commission at (630) 407-5600.



## Election Information At a Glance

### Important Dates for March 21, 2006 Primary Election

#### February 9

Absentee voting by mail begins

#### February 21

Last day to register or change name/address with any registrar in Illinois before primary

#### February 22 – March 7

Grace period for registration & name/address change, but only at County office & must vote at the same time as registration

#### February 27 – March 16

Early Voting available at selected locations throughout the County. Do not need to provide reason, but must provide ID.

#### March 17 – March 20

Absentee voting in person available at selected locations in County. Must provide reason for absentee voting.

[www.dupageelections.com](http://www.dupageelections.com)

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## 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.

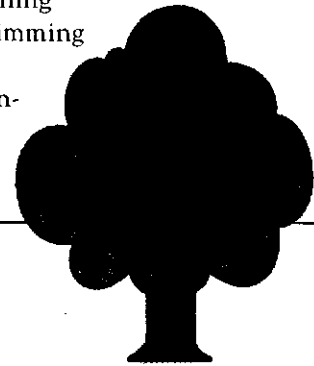


## Thinking About Trimming or Removing a Parkway Tree? You'll Need to Obtain a Permit

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 630-671-5800.



## 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:

- Old Town
- Edgewater (excluding Edgewater Drive)
- Greenway
- Byron

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### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING

The Village Forestry Division is looking for volunteers to plant 200 seedlings, including River Birch, Flowering Dogwood, Japanese Zelkova and Black Cherry, on Saturday, April 29th, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Public Works Facility, 305 S. Glen Ellyn Road. This is the 12th consecutive year for this popular event.

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.



## Scholarships Available to Graduating High School Seniors

The Bloomingdale Women's Club will award two \$500 scholarships to high school seniors residing in Bloomingdale. Community service is a major component for awarding these scholarships. Applications will be available after February 1 in local high school counselors' offices and at the Bloomingdale Village Hall. They are due back to the club by April 1. For more information call Rosie at 630-291-3667.

The Bloomingdale 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 Bloomingdale resident or employee of a Bloomingdale Chamber member. Previous Bloomingdale 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 Bloomingdale 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: 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 to only the school most recently attended. Students who attended one of the elementary schools and Westfield Middle School may apply to the elementary school as well as to Westfield.

Applications will be available from Lake Park High School and Driscoll High School counselors' offices, the District 13 school offices and can be downloaded from the district's web page, [www.sd13.org](http://www.sd13.org). Applications must be submitted by April 7. Winners will be selected by a committee evaluating the students' applications, grade point averages, introductory letters, and letters of recommendation. Winners will be notified in early May. For more information, contact the District 13 office at (630) 893-9590.

Watch the April issue of the Almanac for information on the 2006 Joe Draghi Septemberfest Scholarship available to Bloomingdale residents.

## Old Village Hall Being Renovated and Preserved

The old Bloomingdale Village Hall, originally built as Bloomingdale School, in 1890, has been a Bloomingdale landmark for more than a century. The striking antique red structure, located at the southeast corner of Lake & Third streets, is in need of some attention in order to be preserved as the historical icon that it is.

The Village has been investigating options in order to maintain the integrity of the building and allow it to be of real use to the community again. Now that we have some scope on the project, the Village wants to start a renovation project.

Mayor Bob Iden is looking for volunteers to spend some time working on the old Village Hall renovation project. He would especially like to talk with either residents or business people with some knowledge of architecture and/or remodeling projects.

This project is currently on the ground floor, so if you might be interested in volunteering some time to preserving a piece of Bloomingdale's heritage, please call Mary Ellen in the Mayor's office at 671-5600. The mayor hopes to bring interested parties together in early March.

# Thanks!

The Village of Bloomingdale 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 2005.

### Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee

Jacki Unger	John Vertnik
Branka Poplonski	Remo Turano
Georgene Geils	Bob Allen
Dan Smith	

### Board of Fire & Police Commissioners

Warren Gnau	Frank Letizia
	Louis Pavone

### Police Pension Board

Jeff Fritz	Len Jaster
Steve Apostolopoulos	Alan Birkley

### Plan Commission

Mauro DeFalco	Jim King
J. Thomas Brice	Guy Sanalitra
Jeff Dolce	Ron Fangusaro
Tim Lauing	

### Septemberfest Commission

Carole Lockhart	Pam Hager
Dolores Orlik	Jill Mixer
Gloria Tomaras	Bill Wolff
Sandy Raucci	Karen Gerovac
	Jackie Lic

### Family Fest Commission

Guy Sanalitra	Milton Clark
Tim Jarzemyk	Kandice Krettler
Julie Deeke	Allison Dasbach



# THE BLOOMINGDALE BUSINESS BEAT

*The Business Beat is a recent 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

**"CRITTER SITTER** is a service offered by Bloomingdale's Eve Kurek who specializes in caring for your pets in your home. What began simply as a hobby, evolved into a business eight years ago for the 17-year resident. She currently has clients in Chicago, Deerfield, Carol Stream and Schaumburg, as well as Bloomingdale.

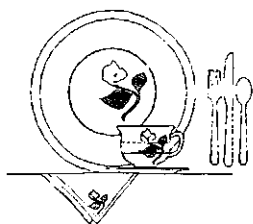
Eve's motto is "Your babies are my babies!" She has a special touch with dogs, but also cares for cats, birds and even turtles! Dog walking is a part of her business as well. Eve can be contacted at 630-300-8297 for more information, and is happy to provide references.



**DINNER BY DESIGN:** Here's the kind of help you've been looking for in the kitchen! Dinner by Design opened at 366 W. Army Trail Road in Bloomingdale Court (next to Office Max) in December. The innovative concept offers an opportunity to make 12 family dinners for the month in less than 2 hours. Dinner by Design offers "no shopping, chopping or mopping; no stress and no mess!"

According to owners Charunee Boni and Jennifer Tohtz, you can save time and money and have easy, nutritious meals for your entire family by booking a session with them. All ingredients are provided. Each month features 15 new entrees. Twelve entrees serving 4-6 people each is \$209 plus tax. Twelve entrees made and ready for pickup are also available for an additional cost.

Private parties can also be booked -- you and friends can share the fun of making a big dent in your monthly dinner preparations. For more information call Charunee and Jennifer at 893-0300 or check out the website at [www.dinnerbydesignkitchen.com](http://www.dinnerbydesignkitchen.com).



**STAPLES, INC.**, the world's largest office products company, boasts its mission is to "make life easier for area customers." On Tuesday, January 17, the newly-opened Bloomingdale Staples held a ribbon shredding event attended by Mayor Bob Iden, other local dignitaries and Staples officials. At the VIP event, Staples made a \$5,000 donation to DuPage County Area Project, an organization which develops and sponsors efforts aimed at preventing juvenile delinquency, keeping the community strong and keeping the community's youth out of trouble.



Mayor Iden displays his "Easy Button" from Staples.

The Staples store is located at 525 W. Army Trail Road. The phone number is 630-893-0497.

## NEWS FROM STRATFORD SQUARE MALL

Feldman Mall Properties, Inc., which purchased Stratford Square Mall in December of 2004, recently signed a lease with Century Theatres, Inc. for a 16-screen theater at the mall.

"Century Theatres is guaranteed to add more than just excitement, it will bring a level of luxury that Stratford Square Mall goers have been craving," said Larry Feldman, Chairman and CEO of Feldman Mall Properties. "Everything about this cinema is top of the line, including the stadium seating with 18-inch risers, rocking high-back chairs and love seats, wall-to-wall screens, digital surround sound, concessions and a cafe featuring premium snacks and beverages," he added. The theater will also feature a spacious lobby with soaring ceilings, and high quality finishes throughout the theater, as well as a prominent storefront featuring the Century Theatres marquee visible from all levels within the Mall. With the demolition of the original theater space completed, the project is now in the design phase of the process. The Stratford Square Cinema is projected to be open in Spring of 2007.





## Recognize Good Character CHARACTER COUNTS!<sup>SM</sup> Recognition Program Nomination Form

All you have to do is complete this form when you see a member of the Bloomington Community who lives, works, or attends school in Bloomington exhibiting outstanding character. Just check the pillar that applies and write a brief description of what you saw the individual doing. Return this form to School District 13, Westfield Middle School, Erickson School, DuJardin School, Winnebago School, Village Hall, the Johnston Recreation Center, Bloomington Township, or the Library. Public recognition will be awarded at the CHARACTER COUNTS! Annual Recognition Breakfast on Saturday May 6th at 9:00. Forms must be submitted by April 10th. CHARACTER COUNTS!<sup>SM</sup> in Bloomington

\_\_\_\_\_ Trustworthiness      \_\_\_\_\_ Respect      \_\_\_\_\_ Responsibility  
\_\_\_\_\_ Fairness              \_\_\_\_\_ Caring      \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship

Name & address of person being nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

Name, address & phone # of person submitting form \_\_\_\_\_

Description of nominee's display of character (Attach an additional sheet if necessary.)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

For additional information, please call Sandy at (630)529-3650 or email  
[sandy@bloomingtonparks.org](mailto:sandy@bloomingtonparks.org)

The CHARACTER COUNTS!<sup>SM</sup> Recognition Program is a project of the  
Bloomington CHARACTER COUNTS!<sup>SM</sup> Coalition.

### District 13 Schedules Kindergarten Round-Up

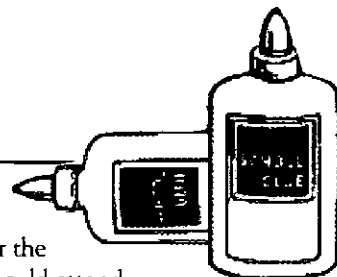
Children who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2006, are eligible for kindergarten for the 2006-07 school year. Parents wishing to register their child for Kindergarten in District 13 schools should attend Kindergarten Registration Round-Up February 21 through 24 at the elementary school they plan to attend.

DuJardin School, 166 S. Euclid covers the east side of the district; students on the west side of the district attend Erickson School, 277 Springfield Drive. If you do not know which school you should attend, contact the district office at 893-9590.

Registration will be held at each school from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on February 21, 23, and 24. Evening registration will be available on Wednesday, February 22 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

All 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 one of the following documents for proof of residency: a real estate tax bill, mortgage papers, signed lease, or agreement of sale, along with one other form of identification which includes a driver's license, auto registration, voter registration, a library card, or a public aid card.

Parents wishing to complete the forms at home prior to the Kindergarten Round-Up may pick up a packet of registration materials from the school offices at DuJardin or Erickson beginning February 1. For more information, call DuJardin at 894-9200 or Erickson at 529-2223.



## The Garden Club -- 42 and G(r)owing Strong!

At a recent meeting of the Bloomingdale Garden Club, long-time resident Joyce A. Basel was elected President. Joyce has lived in Westlake for the past 35 years, and for residents strolling around the lakeshore, her garden has always been considered a highlight.

The Bloomingdale Garden Club has enjoyed an exceptional history as it has been in continual existence for 42 years. It was started by seven ardent gardeners in April of 1963 at the home of Mrs. A.H.

McClure. The original secretary of the club, Grace Price, still finds time to attend many of the programs and continues to enjoy the friendships formed in the club's early days. Other long-time members, including Phyllis Hansford, Marian Jonas and Vivian Krotz, remain active members of the club.

The Bloomingdale Garden Club was accepted as a full member of the Garden Clubs of Illinois in November of 1963. In the early years these energetic women hosted garden and garage sales, spring luncheons and garden walks, and even sold cookbooks, shears and calendars to raise money for the needy and for philanthropic purposes.

Today the Club remains active in the community with monthly programs and meetings. Most are held at the Bloomingdale Public Library, with a few held at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum and members' gardens. During the past year they have enjoyed speakers from the Morton Arboretum, Platt Hill Nursery, the Daylily Society and even an Armchair Safari on the plants and animals of South Africa.

The Garden Club plant sale – held annually in early May – is now a solid event eagerly anticipated by the public, who await the arrival of the finest plants from Michigan to begin their spring gardens. This plant sale yields much of the funding the Club uses for programs/speakers and philanthropic endeavors. The Marklund Home, Pet Rescue, Bloomingdale Septemberfest, Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund and many others have benefited from the Garden Club's donations.



*Gail Brewer, Grace Price and Joyce Basel*



*Tree Decorating 2005*



*Longtime members Vivian Krotz & Phyllis Hansford*

Bloomingdale Garden Club sponsors cookies for Bloomingdale Pavilion residents every month, as well as festive items for the holiday season. Club members also decorate a Christmas tree for the Library's Snowman Crossing event, sponsor gardening magazines at the Library, and have participated in the planting of flowers in the Village. This summer, members will be working with the Villagers of Bloomingdale on their Garden Walk slated for July.

New members are always welcome and could benefit greatly from the knowledge and experience of the existing members. Anyone presently gardening or wanting to learn is most welcome at the meetings. Membership is only \$15.00 annually and the benefits of the camaraderie of the members, as well as the free lectures and discussions, are well worth it. For more information, call Joyce Basel at 630-529-9833.



Angelo Caputo

**ANGELO CAPUTO** will be honored later this month by the MOLA Foundation, an Italian- American philanthropic organization which raises funds for charities both within and outside the Chicagoland area Italian-American community. The organization is presenting Caputo its highest honor, an Arcangelo Award, in recognition of his lifetime accomplishments and his considerable charitable endeavors.

Caputo, who was born in Mola di Bari, Italy, came to America at the age of 18 with an intention of working and that he did. Following a stint in the U.S. military and marriage to his beloved Romana, he found his way into the grocery business and worked incredibly hard to ultimately build a mini empire that became Caputo's Fresh Markets. Despite his great success, Caputo has not lost sight of his roots. He is committed to helping both the young and the elderly in his native Mola. In fact, this past summer, the Mayor of Mola visited Chicago and Angelo hosted a very successful fundraiser for the facility to house both these age groups in his hometown.

Caputo also supports and regularly visits an orphanage in Mexico. In addition, he also supports various cancer charities. Angelo and his family have been residents of Bloomingdale for nearly 15 years. Two years ago, he opened the fourth Caputo's Fresh Market in Springbrook Shopping Center. We congratulate him on the prestigious honor the Mola Foundation is bestowing on him.

**TIM WOJCICKI**, member of Boy Scout Troop 194, recently earned an Eagle Award. His Eagle Scout project entailed getting donations, planning, designing and managing the construction of a newly landscaped flower garden of 500 pink tulips with a stone border at Westfield Middle School. The tulips bloom every May for Mother's Day to promote Breast Cancer Awareness. He also obtained the donation of other flowering plants and trees from a local nursery to complete the garden. As a freshman at College of DuPage, Wojcicki plans to major in elementary education and is currently a leader of St. Walter's Junior High Youth Ministry.



**RENATO TURANO**, president of the Turano Baking Co., is running for the Italian Parliament. With a dual citizenship (United States and Italy), Turano would serve as a representative of North American Italians. This election, in which Italians around the world will participate, will take place this spring. Turano Bakery has been a Bloomingdale destination since 1974. The bakery, which is located on 142 N. Bloomingdale Road, is run by brothers Remo, Egidio and Mark Turano, who are Renato's first cousins.

### 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 2005.

#### 25 years

Roy Derby, Police; Tim Goergen, Police

#### 20 years

Howard Marshall, Water Production; Kevin O'Dea, Water Production; Michael Marchi, Director of Village Services; Tom Burns, Police; Brian Siebrasse, Police

#### 15 years

Mark Kreciak, Police; Al Bruno, Water Distribution

#### 10 years

Bill Darre, Police; Aaron Machek, Police; Juana Stoiser, Water Production

#### 5 years

Carlos Cancel, Water Reclamation; Nadine Hugmeyer, Police; Jimmy Janes, Police; Rose Dalke, Finance; Bruce Mason, Police; Brian McCoy, Police; Sandy Raucci, Engineering; Brian Sisco, Engineering

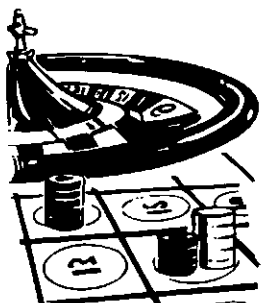
# Community Events Community Events

## Las Vegas Comes to Bloomingdale!!

Texas hold 'em, black jack, and spinning roulette wheels will appear on Saturday, February 18, at Indian Lakes Resort, 250 E. Schick Road, as the Bloomingdale and Roselle Lions Clubs sponsor their first combined Las Vegas Night. The two-town fundraiser will help support the Lake Park High School Marching Band, Hurricane Katrina victims, visually impaired persons and needy persons in the community.

Also during the evening, the Lions will be holding a special raffle to solely benefit Lake Park senior Dan Burgess, currently undergoing treatment for cancer. (see info on separate fundraiser above)

Registration for Las Vegas Night begins at 6:30 p.m. Gambling starts at 7 p.m. Musical entertainment by the Fabulous Frank and Dave will begin at 7 p.m. Admission is \$10. For more information, contact Perry Knutson at 630-894-7394, [Lionperry@hotmail.com](mailto:Lionperry@hotmail.com) or Kathy Dombrowski, at 630-894-2102, [ktdwjd@aol.com](mailto:ktdwjd@aol.com).



## Villagers Featuring (Not So) Extreme Makeover on February 2

The Villagers of Bloomingdale will be featuring some ideas for a (Not-so-) Extreme Makeover when Jean Roberts of the Decorating Den presents "Do's & Don'ts of Home Decorating" at the Thursday, February 2 meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way. Their March 2 meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Public Library. Olde Schaumburg Flowers will give demonstrations on creating floral decorations for Easter. There is no admission charge.

April 6 marks the Villagers' Annual Fashion Show. Watch for details in April issue of the Almanac. Call Bette at 924-6861 for reservations. A \$10 donation will be required at door. The Villagers are a social and philanthropic organization open to area women. For more information call Bette at 924-6861.

## Come Enjoy Historical Society's Free Monthly Programs

Upcoming free Bloomingdale Historical Society's programs at the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way are.

**Monday, February 6 - 7pm** - Power Point Presentation & Discussion of Bloomingdale History by Annamarie Erickson

**Sunday, March 5, 2006 - 2- 4pm** - Recollections and stories from the experiences of WW2. Medic Phil Lauricella

## February 7 Spaghetti Dinner to Raise Funds for Daniel Burgess

Lake Park High School west campus is the site of a February 7 fundraiser for Bloomingdale resident and Lake Park senior Dan Burgess who is currently battling cancer. See back page for details.

## Daffodils Featured at Garden Club's February 15 Program

The Bloomingdale Garden Club invites all to their upcoming programs: **Daffodils - February 15, 1:00 p.m.** at the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way. Gardeners have always regarded the large, bright yellow blooms of daffodils as a welcome sign of spring. These beloved yellow flowers are now joined by a myriad of daffodil forms and colors. Join them for the Midwest Daffodil Society's program and slide show.

**Teacup Treasures - March 15, 6:15 p.m.** at the Bloomingdale Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road. Bring your favorite teacup and saucer -- Arianna's Flowers in Bloomingdale will provide materials, flowers and easy instructions to create a miniature arrangement in a teacup. Contact Helen Price at 630-980-6585 to register for this workshop. For Garden Club membership information, contact Esther Ahlrich at 630-980-3565.

## Lions Club Hosting Spaghetti Dinner on February 24

The Bloomingdale Lions Club hosts its spring Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, February 24 from 5-8 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road. Tickets are \$8 per person; children under 8 are free. A special addition to this spaghetti dinner will be entertainment by Tony Spavone. For more information or tickets, call Tom Zaccardi at 630-893-0956.

## District 13 Education Foundation Sponsoring Mardi Gras on February 28

The Education Foundation of School District 13 is planning a Mardi Gras "Wine & Cheese" benefit to be held at the Bloomingdale Golf Club on Tuesday, February 28 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wines being tasted at the party can be ordered during the party directly from the wine distributor. Wine tasting and appetizers are included in the ticket price. All donations will benefit the teachers and students to further enhance the learning environment in District 13. A minimum of a \$50.00 donation (tax deductible) is requested for each ticket purchased. To purchase a ticket, call 630-894-8500 and ask for Mike or email [ticketsales@chicagolegal.com](mailto:ticketsales@chicagolegal.com)

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# Community Events Community Events

## Museum Featuring Photo Show & Sale plus Artists Association Events

If you enjoy taking pictures, you will be inspired when you visit the annual Juried Photo Show and Sale, "In the Eye of the Beholder," which began January 21 and runs through February 25, at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum at 108 S. Bloomingdale Road in Bloomingdale.

This prestigious photo exhibit highlights black/white and colored photography of outstanding photographers, both local and from the Chicagoland area. Most items will be available for purchase. Many non-framed, non-juried items are also available. Hours during show: W-4-8 p.m.; Th & Fri- 10-4 p.m.; Sat. 12-4 p.m.

The Bloomingdale Artists Association (formerly the Culture Club) hosts a Palette Knife/Oil Demo with Milvi Wheeler, a popular local artist on February 8. The evening is \$5 for non-members. March 8 will feature Shareen Klasing showing members how to "Make Your Own Jewelry" with Swarovski crystal. Everyone will take home a bracelet. Again there is a charge of \$5 for non-members, plus the cost of materials. Both programs begin at 7 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road.

The Bloomingdale Artists Association is open to area artists and art lovers. For more information about the group, or either of these programs, call Diane at the museum, 539-3096.

## Upcoming Events at Stratford Square Mall:

### February

- 2/13 - New Star Discover Most Beautiful Baby Pageant
- 2/15 - KidSquare begins for 2006 - 1030 am - Bloomingdale Public Library
- 2/18 & 2/19 - Bridal Exposition & Fashion Shows

### March

- 3/1 - KidSquare Kids Club - 10:30am - Roselle Public Library
- 3/4 - Sunburst Beauty Pageant/Model Search
- 3/15 - KidSquare Kids Club - 10:30am - Carol Stream Library
- 3/25 - Easter Bunny visits - upper level, center court

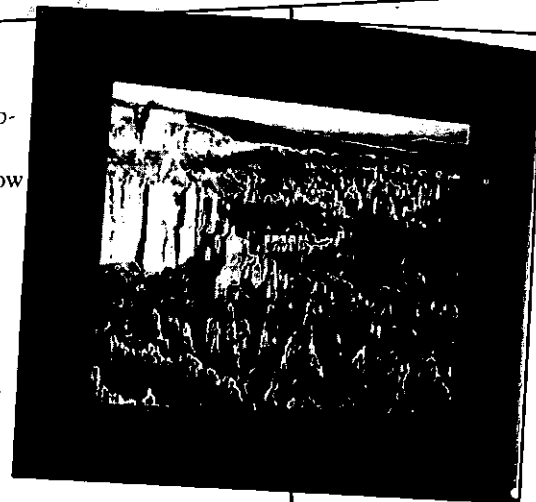
More details are available at [www.stratfordsquaremall.com](http://www.stratfordsquaremall.com)

## Lions Easter Egg Hunt to be Held on April 8 at Circle Park

The annual Bloomingdale Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt takes place April 8 at Circle Park beginning at 11 a.m. The Egg Hunt is provided for ages up to 4; An egg roll game is offered for ages 5-6 and 7-8. The event is free.

## Lions Sponsoring Walk-a-Thon on April 30

The Lions are planning a Walk-a-dog-a-thon for 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 30 on the Nature Trail at Springfield Park. All funds raised from the first-time event will be donated to Canine Companions for Independence, a non-profit that raises and trains guide dogs for the blind and physically impaired. More details will follow in the April Almanac.



## Historical Society Garage Sale Set for May 11 & 12

The Bloomingdale Historical Society is planning its annual Garage Sale for Thursday and Friday, May 11 & 12. Watch the April issue for information on donating items to the sale, as well as details on location & times for this popular "Trash to Treasure" event.

## Kids Can Win a \$25 Target Gift Card In Coldwell Banker's Coloring Contest

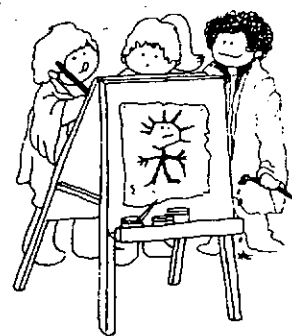
Coldwell Banker is offering three \$25.00 gift cards from Target and some great wintertime fun!

Coldwell Banker is offering three \$25.00 gift cards from Target and some great wintertime fun! Give a kid you adore a fun indoor project to work on by completing a Coldwell Banker Coloring Contest Sheet. The coloring contest is open to all kids age 10 and under. Be creative, think outside the box, use paint, crayons, glitter, fabric, buttons, beads or string!

One \$25 Target gift card will be awarded for each of the three age categories: 1 year to 3 years; 4 years to 6 years; and 7 years to 10 years.

All masterpieces received will be displayed at the Bloomingdale Tutor Time childcare learning center. All participants are welcome and encouraged to stop by the Tutor Time, 234 Lake Street, and vote for their favorite work of art! So be creative, have fun and embrace your child's inner artist, but hurry. Entries must be received by February 28. Voting takes place between 3/1/06 and 3/17/06. The winning entries will be announced on 3/20/06. Good Luck!

For more information, or to learn how to receive a coloring sheet, call Leigh Cofrin at Coldwell Banker at 630-455-8717 or email her at [leigh.cofrin@cbexchange.com](mailto:leigh.cofrin@cbexchange.com).



## Meacham Founders' Relatives-- Lost and Found!

*by Annamarie Erickson for the Bloomingdale Historical Society*

As Founder's Day, March 11, approaches, we have a wonderful story to relate. A lady in Idaho looking for her family records contacted our Local History Room, located in the Bloomingdale Public Library. When she said the family name was "Meacham," we were all ears. By sharing our resources, we have learned where the Meachams went after they left our area - and we have family photos to share!

According to our Bloomingdale history, Lyman, Harvey, and Dr. Silas Meacham arrived here on March 11, 1833. From records, we know that Silas owned land on the north of Lake St. near Fairfield Way. He eventually moved to Des Plaines. Lyman and Harvey purchased most of the land where "Old Town" is today. Lyman moved to Will County. Harvey died in 1878 and is buried in Bloomingdale. Harvey's son George Standish traveled west and is a direct ancestor of our lady in Idaho.

The Bloomingdale Historical Society free programs coming up at the Bloomingdale Public Library are:

**Monday, February 6 - 7pm** - Power Point Presentation & Discussion of Bloomingdale History by Annamarie Erickson

**Sunday, March 5, 2006 - 2- 4pm** - Recollections and stories from the experiences of WW2 Medic Phil Lauricella

For information on these programs - or on becoming a member of the Bloomingdale Historical Society, please Annamarie Erickson or Kandy Jones at 529-3120.



George Standish, wife Margaret and daughter Maggie.



The Meacham house which was believed to have stood at Lake Street and First Street.



# 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.

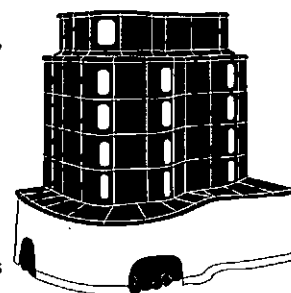
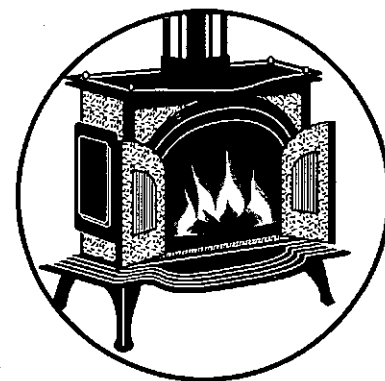
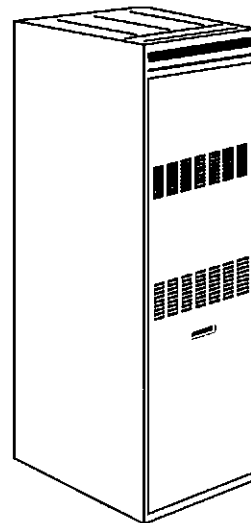
If the CO detector activates and anyone has symptoms, get everyone out of the building immediately and seek medical attention. If no one has symptoms: open your windows and doors to ventilate the house, turn off all fuel-burning appliances and vehicles, contact the fire department, and watch for any 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 contact the Bloomington Fire Protection District at 894-9080.



# Off the Shelf



## BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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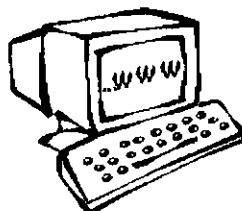
### FEDERAL AND STATE TAX FORMS AVAILABLE

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 or downloaded from the IRS website at the Reference Desk for 10 cents per copy. 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

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

Bloomington Garden Club  
Evelyn Deeke  
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Vivian Krotz  
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### DO-IT-YOURSELF INTERLIBRARY LOAN

When an item you want isn't available from any library in the LINC consortium, you can now order it online yourself without the need to ask a librarian for assistance. You need a Bloomington library card for this service. Access our webpage at [www.bloomington.lib.il.us](http://www.bloomington.lib.il.us) and follow these instructions:

1. Click on Databases.
2. Select WorldCat.
3. Search for the item you want, and from the search results, click on the name of the item.
4. To request an item, click on the ILL icon in the upper left corner.
5. Fill out the form and click "submit." You should receive a message that your request was successful.

You will be notified when the item is ready for pick up. Please note that requests are limited to five outstanding at one time. Entire issues of magazines can not be requested, nor materials that are less than one year old. Generally this service is provided free of charge unless the lending library charges a fee to send the material. In this circumstance, if you agree to the loan, you will be charged the fee.

Please call the Reference Desk if you have any questions regarding this service, 924-2730.





## YOUTH WINTER PROGRAMS

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION/REQUIREMENTS FOR SPRING STORYTIME PROGRAMS

Bloomington Library cardholders may register for storytimes at the Youth Services Reference Desk, or by calling (630) 924-2740. 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 some 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 13.*

*Spring Programming ends the week of April 24.*

**STORYTIMES WILL NOT BE HELD DURING THE WEEK OF MARCH 27 - MARCH 31.**

### 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 14 - April 25  
(except for March 28)  
9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

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

**BUDDING READERS** (16 months - 23 months)  
Tuesdays, March 14 - April 25 (except for March 28)  
11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

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



**TIME FOR 2'S** (24 months - 35 months)  
Wednesdays, March 15 - April 26  
(except for March 29)  
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 13 - April 24 (except for March 27)  
10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Thursdays, March 16 - April 27 (except for March 30)  
1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Preschool Storytime includes a variety of book sharing, flannelboard stories, videos, 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 13 - April 24  
(except for March 27)  
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.



### THANK YOU VolunTEENS!

The Bloomington Public Library Youth Services Staff would like to thank the 14 teens who volunteered their time and talents to the department this past fall. VolunTEENS worked a total of 110.75 hours preparing crafts, working the booths at the Halloween Party in October, and creating ornaments for Snowman Crossing.

**Youth Services Department**  
**YOUTH WINTER PROGRAMS**

**DROP-IN STORYTIMES**

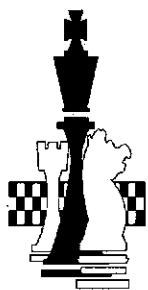
THE FOLLOWING STORYTIMES DO NOT REQUIRE REGISTRATION.

**FAMILY STORYTIME** (All ages)

**Fridays, March 17 - April 28 (except for March 31)**

**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.



**CHESS CLUB**

Starting Monday February 13, the Bloomingdale Chess Club will be meeting weekly from 3:30-5:00. Ages 9 and up welcome (younger children require parental supervision). Tournaments and other activities will be available if interest and attendance are sufficient.

For further information contact Sean at (630) 924-2768.

**2006 LIBRARY  
WINTER OLYMPICS**

**(Grades 4 - 6)**

**Monday, February 20  
2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

***Registration is required.***



Looking for a fun way to spend your day off of school? If you're in grades 4-6, head to the library to compete in the 2006 Library Winter Olympics. Events will include Dance Dance Revolution, Olympic Jeopardy and other exciting games. And did we mention there will be snacks? Stop by the Youth Services Desk or call 630-924-2740 to register.



**BEDTIME STORIES** (All ages)

**Tuesdays, March 14 - April 25 (except for March 28)**

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

Bedtime Stories is designed to serve families with babies, toddlers, and preschoolers who are unable to attend daytime sessions.

*FEEL FREE TO COME IN YOUR PAJAMAS!*

***Thank you . . .***

**KARA FOUNDATION**

The staff of the Bloomingdale Public Library would like to thank the Kara Foundation for their grant of \$1,000. The Kara Foundation is a local organization that supports educational endeavors with an emphasis towards children, community health care programs, and cultural activities. The library is pleased to have these funds to purchase educational equipment, hardware, and software which will be used by children and young adults who are active in the recently formed, and rapidly growing "Dueller's Guild" game player's group. These purchases will also be used for other special events for children and young adults. The library is extremely grateful for these funds, which will greatly enhance educational programming for the young people of Bloomingdale.

**VALENTINE'S DAY  
BINGO-VALENTINGO**

**(Grades 2 - 4)**

**Thursday, February 9  
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

***Registration is required.***



Come celebrate Valentine's Day at the library with a Holiday Bingo Game using candy hearts to mark the spaces. Snacks will be provided and prizes will be awarded to winners who can create Valentingo across, down, diagonally and/or in the four corners. This will be a night of fun for second through fourth graders. Stop by the Youth Services Desk or call 630-924-2740 to register.

**Adult Services Department**  
**ADULT WINTER PROGRAMS**

**ADULT BOOK GROUP**

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.

**ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION**

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

February 15, 16

*The Jane Austen Book Club* by Karen Joy

March 15, 16

To be announced

**HISTORICAL BOOK DISCUSSION**

The morning historical book group meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. Books are selected on topics of American History from Pre-Revolution to current time including: biographies, history books, historical fiction and classics. For more information, contact Annamarie Erickson, 924-2765.

March 7

*Hetty: the genius and madness of America's first female tycoon* by Charles Slack

April 4

*A Schoolteacher in Old Alaska: the story of Hannah Breece* by Hannah Breece

Would you like to participate in an evening historical book discussion on topics of Medieval - Dark Ages to Tutor studies? Please contact Annamarie at 924-2765.

**BOOK/FILM DISCUSSION GROUP**

The Book / Film Discussion Group meets on the fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Participants should watch the movie and finish the book prior to the meeting. Books are available at the Adult Reference Desk and copies of the movie are available for loan throughout the LINC system. Please see the Reference Staff for assistance in obtaining a copy of the movie.

February 27:

*Chocolat* by Joanne Harris

March 27:

*House of Sand and Fog* by Andre Dubus

**YA PROGRAMS**



**TEEN GAME NIGHT**

Thursday, February 16th  
6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 9th  
6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

(6th - 12th grades)

Take a break from homework and come dance @ the library. We've got Dance Dance Revolution on the large screen, and if the DDR competition with your friends is not enough, we'll also have food, drinks, and other games to play. Registration is not required; just stop on by.

**YOUNG ADULT AREA**

We will be celebrating the unveiling of the newly remodeled Young Adult area on February 16. New furniture, display areas, and a listening station will be available. Details will be forthcoming. Teens, come join us for an evening of fun, food and prizes!

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

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



**NEW MEDICARE PART D  
AND CIRCUIT BREAKER**

Wednesday, February 8  
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Jill Kiley, Medicare Part D Outreach Coordinator for DuPage County Senior Services, will cover details of both the Medicare Part D and Circuit Breaker prescription drug programs.



**CHOLESTEROL AND  
BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING**

Wednesday, February 15  
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Registered nurses will be performing a finger stick, non-fasting cholesterol screening (total cholesterol, HDL) and blood pressure screening. Limited appointments will be available. **Registration is required. Please call AlexianConnects at 1-866-ALEXIAN (253-9426).** (Program at library).

## Adult Services Department ADULT WINTER PROGRAMS

### ADULT PROGRAMS

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#### EASY PACKING

**Sunday, February 19**

**2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Learn from two seasoned European travelers how to spend weeks in Europe with one 22" carry-on bag which will easily fit into an overhead compartment and a smaller briefcase-sized piece of hand luggage. This talk will show you how to enjoy Europe without the hassle of toting heavy pieces of luggage. What is required is a change of attitude about packing and the willingness to put certain packing principles into action. Your back, arms, and legs will be forever grateful.



#### NOT PAYING FOR COLLEGE

**Monday, March 6**

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

Joseph Orsolini, of College Aid Planners, will focus on strategies to maximize financial aid eligibility, exploit tax-saving opportunities, and target the right colleges for affordability. Armed with this understanding and knowledge of the college aid process, a college education may become more affordable and less of a financial burden.



#### WRITING SUSPENSE NOVELS

**WITH LOCAL AUTHOR JENNIE SPALLONE**

**Sunday, March 12**

**2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

Freelance journalist Jennie Spallone shares how she successfully scaled the slippery slope of suspense resulting in the publication of her first novel, *Deadly Choices*. Spallone has recently appeared at Bouchercon, Printer's Row, Barnes and Noble and the Independent Writer's Association.



#### GREEN FOOD IS GOOD FOR YOU

**Wednesday, March 15**

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

Are you looking for a simple way to categorize the food that you eat? Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Kathy Stanislawski, registered dietitian, and get a colorful new way to look at your food and learn that "Green Food is Good for You!" Recipes will be shared. General nutrition with an emphasis on green food will be the focus of the festive evening. **Registration is required. Please call AlexianConnects at 1-866-ALEXIAN (253-9426).** (Program at library).



#### SPRING SING:

**IT'S A GRAND NIGHT FOR SINGING**

**Wednesday, March 29**

**6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

Paul Corona, bass, and Melissa Treinkman, soprano, will sing music from well known musicals, including: Oklahoma!, The King and I, Showboat, Annie Get Your Gun, Kiss Me Kate, Phantom of the Opera, Les Miserables and more!

### NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Join us April 2-8 as we celebrate National Library Week. This year we're offering a variety of programs to satisfy the community's informational and entertainment needs.



#### CREDIT MANAGEMENT

**Tuesday, April 4**

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

Credit is an important tool in your overall financial picture. Come to this seminar, presented by Citibank, and learn how to use your credit thoughtfully, purposefully and in coordination with an overall financial plan.



#### BIPOLAR DISORDER

**Wednesday, April 5**

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

Over two million adult Americans are affected by bipolar disorder. Dr. Maxim Chasanov, board certified psychiatrist, will provide information on the definition, symptoms and treatment of this disease. Sponsored by Alexian Center for Mental Health. **Registration is required. Please call AlexianConnects at 1-866-ALEXIAN (253-9426).** (Program at library).



#### THE GOLDEN AGE OF CHICAGO

**CHILDREN'S TELEVISION**

**Saturday, April 8**

**2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

Take a trip down memory lane and see all your old friends, as Jack Mulqueen shares his insider's tales of that bygone era of Chicago children's television. Included in the presentation will be highlights of the local kids' shows from the late '40s to the mid-'70s-Kukla, Fran and Ollie, Ding Dong School, Super Circus, Garfield Goose and Friends, Ray Rayner and His Friends, Bozo's Circus, Gigglesnort Hotel, and more.



#### EUROPEAN TRAIN TRAVEL

**Wednesday, April 12**

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

Flying across the French countryside in a TGV is one of the delights of European train travel and superior to any similar travel experience in the U.S. Using trains in Europe is frequently faster, less expensive, and more efficient than traveling by air or car. However to use these trains you must follow some simple rules which are outlined in this talk.

## 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 February 1. Deposits will not be refunded unless cancellation is made at least 24 hours in advance of the class start time.

### **BEGINNERS COMPUTER COURSE**

Tuesday,	March 7	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Thursday,	March 9	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday,	March 14	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Thursday,	March 16	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday,	March 21	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Thursday,	March 23	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean



This new six session course will provide the basic tools needed for the topics 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 February 8

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

Instructor: Sean

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

### **INTERMEDIATE EXCEL**

Wednesday February 15

6:30 p.m. - 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.)

### **ADVANCED EXCEL**

Wednesday February 22

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

Instructor: Sean

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

### **USING THE INTERNET**

Tuesday February 14

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

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

### **USING EMAIL**

Tuesday February 21

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

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

### **FLYERS AND CARDS IN PUBLISHER**

Wednesday March 15

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

Instructor: Sean

In this class students will learn to use Publisher's flexible tools to create small, colorful documents such as 1 page flyers or several different kinds of foldable cards. (Having taken Introduction to Microsoft Word or equivalent experience is recommended.)

### **MACROS AND MAIL MERGE**

Wednesday March 22

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

Instructor: Sean

This course will focus on two large and important topics involving Word and other Office programs. Both Macros and Mail Merge help make work go faster by teaching the computer to automate repetitive tasks. The macros section will teach students how to record and create routine macros while the mail merge section will cover forcing lists of addresses into printing labels or into form letters. (Having taken Introduction to Microsoft Word or equivalent experience is recommended.)

## WINTER PROGRAMS

### RESEARCH ESSENTIALS

One-hour appointments are available to meet with Julie Keating, one of our reference librarians. She can show you the basics of library research, including an introduction to our computer catalog and the electronic databases. This program is available for individuals or groups.

Please call Julie for an appointment, 924-2735.

### NEW DATABASE AVAILABLE

The Bloomingdale Public Library currently subscribes to a publication, Chicago Consumer's Checkbook, which is printed twice per year. The magazine rates local service providers such as plumbers, doctors, movers, carpet cleaners, etc. We now also offer access to this information online, through our website, [www.bloomindale.lib.il.us](http://www.bloomindale.lib.il.us). Click on "Databases," then "Consumer 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.



### 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:

Consumer Reports Money Advisor  
Cottage Living  
Country Living  
Make  
Scrib  
SFX  
Weekend



### MOTHER DAUGHTER BOOK CLUB

(Grades 4-8)

*Registration is required.*

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 to share satisfying conversations about the month's selection, based on group-selected popular titles.

First Discussion  
Second Discussion  
Third Discussion

Sunday, February 12  
Sunday, March 12  
Sunday, April 9

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 630-924-2740.

6th Annual

## Breakfast/Brunch with the Bunny

Sponsored by the  
Bloomington Public Library and the Bloomington Golf Club

**Saturday, April 8, 2006**

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

### 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,  
French toast sticks, mini-Danish pastries and beverages.)

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

*Photos with the Bunny will be \$5.00, 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,  
French toast sticks, mini-Danish pastries and beverages.)

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

*Photos with the Bunny will be \$5.00, payable at the Brunch.*

You may purchase tickets in person beginning  
Saturday, March 4, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at the Library.

### The cost of the event is:

**\$13.00 per adult,**

**\$10.00 per child (ages 4-12)**

**Free for kids under age 4 (Tickets required)**

*Please make checks payable to the Bloomington Public Library.  
Cash or checks only. Sorry, we cannot accept credit/debit cards.*

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



# Bloomingtondale 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

## Daddy Daughter Dance

February 25, 2006  
Johnston Recreation Center Gym

Looking for a perfect evening for dad and daughter to spend together? Join us at our annual Daddy Daughter Dance. Couples will have a memorable evening together dancing to the music of our D.J., enjoying refreshments and having their picture taken. Come dressed in your best for the night of your life. Additional children are \$13. No walk-ins accepted, please register at the JRC or online at [bloomingtondaleparks.org](http://bloomingtondaleparks.org).

Ages: 3-12  
Day: Saturday  
Time: 6:30-8:30pm  
R/NR Fee: \$25/30  
Code #: 204301-A1

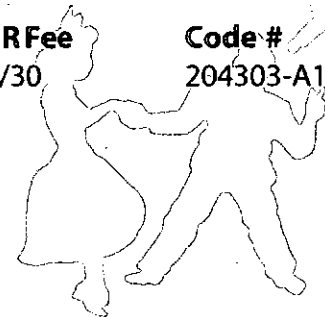
## MOM & SON DANCE

Thursday, April 13, 6:30-8:30pm  
JRC Gym

Come spend a special night with the man in your life! We'll have a fun night dancing, playing games, and having refreshments as moms and sons get a chance to spend some quality time together. Photos of each couple will also be taken, so please dress in snappy attire! Additional children are \$13.00. MIN/MAX: 30/50

Registration deadline is April 3, 2006.

Age 3-10 R/NR Fee \$25/30 Code # 204303-A1

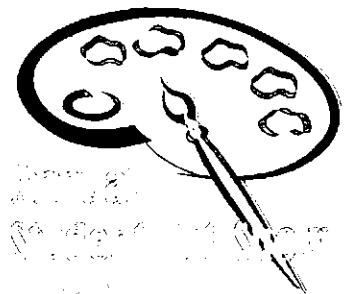


## BLOOMINGDALE PARK DISTRICT MUSEUM

### PHOTO 2006

January 21 - February 25

Our popular juried show returns to the Museum for the winter months. This exciting show draws some of the finest photographers in the Midwest. It will include black and white, color and digital photography with cash awards and ribbons.



The art of students from Kindergarten through high school attending Bloomingtondale area schools will be featured at this popular event.

108 South Bloomingtondale Road

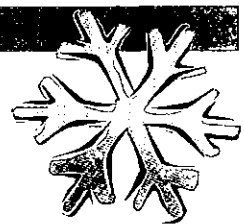
Phone & Fax-630.539.3096

Hours: W: 4-8pm; TH: 10-4pm; F: 10-4pm; SA: 12-4pm; Curators: Diane Duffy & Marjorie Bristow Reichart

[bloomingtondaleparks.org](http://bloomingtondaleparks.org)



# Adult Programs



## First Aid

Coaches, teachers, parents, babysitters: this class is for you! Come learn critical first aid skills, such as determining unconsciousness, treating cuts, scrapes, burns, controlling bleeding, treating injuries to bones, muscles and joints. We will also cover preventing and caring for sudden illness, including heat and cold emergencies. Your certification earned in this class will be valid for three years.

**Location:** Community Room

**Instructor:** Lee Arnsman

**MIN/MAX:** 7/10

Age	Day	Time	Date(s)	R/NR Fee	Code #
16 yr-Adult	W	6:00P-9:45P	3/08	\$40/45	203406-A1

## Oil Painting

Come and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere where artist Linda Deptula will take you step-by-step through the strokes needed to create a wonderful oil painting. Energize your creativity by learning the techniques often practiced by artists as seen on PBS-TV. No drawing or painting experience is required. Space is limited, so sign up early. Wear old clothes or bring a smock. All supplies are included in the class fee. Canvas size is 12" x 16" unless otherwise stated. Let's have fun with oils! Registration deadlines for these courses are the Fridays before the classes meet each session, at 4:30 pm.

**Location:** Museum

**Instructor:** Linda Deptula

**MIN/MAX:** 4/10

## Sunlight and Seagull

Beautiful yellows and soft grays in the sky and foreground surround the seagull.

Age	Day	Time	Date(s)	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	Tu	6:30P-9:30P	2/28	\$50/55	203427-A1

## Winter Cabin Surrounded in Blue

Blue sky and pond, snow, fence and shrubbery.

Age	Day	Time	Date(s)	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	Tu	6:30P-9:30P	3/21	\$50/55	203428-A1

## Learn to Crochet

Come learn this beautiful art form sometimes referred to as "making lace in the air." This class will take you from how to hold your hook through the completion of a finished project. Broken down to its simplest state, crochet is just the pulling of one loop through another. But, oh the beautiful patterns that can be created from even the most basic stitches! We will cover the chain stitch, single, double, and triple stitch, adding, and decreasing. Reading patterns will also be discussed. Please bring an aluminum size H hook and 2 skeins of 4-ply 100% acrylic yarn (worsted weight) in your choice of colors to the first class. Please note this activity takes place at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum.

**Location:** Museum

**Instructor:** Kathie Bakken

**MIN/MAX:** 4/8

Age	Day	Time	Date(s)	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	Th	6:30P-8:30P	2/09-2/23	\$35/40	203220-A1

## Fancy Crochet

Come learn simple and elegant new pattern stitches in this exciting workshop! Our tour of pattern stitches will take us from the simplicity of the favored ripple pattern through the beauty of openwork Lover's Knots, and then to the embossed elegance of Queen Anne's Lace. This class requires a fundamental understanding of crochet and the ability to produce single, double and chain stitches. Please bring an aluminum size H hook and 4-ply, 100% acrylic yarn, worsted weight to the first class.

**Location:** Museum

**Instructor:** Kathie Bakken

**MIN/MAX:** 4/8

Age	Day	Time	Date(s)	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	Th	6:30P-8:30P	3/09-3/23	\$35/40	203221-A1

## Chicago flower & garden show

**Thursday, March 16**  
**10:45am-5:00pm**

Don't miss the most colorful event at this year's Flower & Garden Show! We will board

the Mystic Blue for a cruise on Lake Michigan for a perfect compliment to your visit to Navy Pier. Enjoy an informative and interactive floral demonstration by Premier Yachts' resident floral designer, highlighting trends in floral design for 2006. You will love the bright, modern, colorful interiors, great service and incredible skyline views!

**Registration deadline is February 18, 2006.**

**Location:** JRC Parking Lot

**R/NR Fee:** \$52/57

**MIN/MAX:** 10/30

**Code #:** 203203-A1

## Miller Brewing Company

**Friday, March 10, 10:00-4:30pm**

Have you ever wanted to see how beer is created? Register now for a guided tour of the Miller Brewing Company in Milwaukee, WI. Tours guide visitors through the rich history and brewing process of Miller beers. The one-hour guided walking tour allows guests to experience an informative 3-screen video and provides an up-close look at the brewhouse, packaging center and historical caves. Participants must be 21 years of age or older. All participants are required to submit a copy of their valid driver's license or state issued I.D. at the time of registration.

**Location:** JRC Parking Lot

**R/NR Fee:** \$15/20

**MIN/MAX:** 10/20

**Code #:** 202209-A1



### Senior Discount

Residents who are 62 years of age and better qualify for the Park District's 20% discount. You'll know if the discount applies to a given program by looking for the price tag symbol above.

### Gentle Yoga for Seniors

Enjoy a one-hour class of stretching, strengthening, and relaxing. We will use chairs and blankets for support in many poses. It will improve your posture, increase your mobility, and make you feel great! Please bring a blanket to class. Yoga mats are provided.

Location: Aerobics Studio

Instructor: Beth McCown

MIN/MAX: 6/16

Age	Day	Time	Date(s)	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	M	1:00P-2:00P	3/13-4/24	\$42/47	203507-A2
Adult	Th	9:00A-10:00A	3/16-4/27	\$42/47	203507-B2

NO CLASS 3/27, 3/30

### Kickboxing

Achieve the top notch physical condition of a professional kickboxer or boxer without the bumps and bruises. Learn the techniques of boxing and kicking while participating in a fun and well-supervised workout. This is not a contact program. Using your new skills for self-defense will also be covered. Kickboxing uses every major muscle group of the body and is highly effective for developing cardiovascular fitness and body fat reduction. Classes are taught under the instruction of Top Fitness. Please note Saturday classes will meet at the JRC.

Location: Westfield Gym

Instructor: Top Fitness Staff

MIN/MAX: 5/20

Age	Day	Time	Date(s)	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	M	7:15P-8:15P	3/13-5/01	\$80/85	203501-A2
Adult	W	7:00P-8:00P	3/15-5/03	\$80/85	203501-A4
Adult	Sa	9:00A-10:00A	3/11-4/29	\$80/85	203501-C2

### Meditation Made Easy



Come and learn simple techniques to build concentration that lead the mind naturally to a meditative state. Each week a new method will be discussed and practiced, assuring that you'll be able to find a technique that's right for you. All you'll need is an open mind and comfortable clothes.

Location: Aerobics Studio

Instructor: Evelyn Walsh-Boyna

MIN/MAX: 6/18

Age	Day	Time	Date(s)	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	Tu	6:00P-7:00P	2/21-3/14	\$40/45	203512-A2
Adult	Tu	6:00P-7:00P	4/04-4/25	\$40/45	203512-A3

# LET'S LOOK FORWARD TO SUMMER!

## Oasis 2006 passes go on sale March 1

If you missed it last year, The Oasis is the Bloomington Park District's brand new waterpark! Purchase and renew passes at the JRC, 172 S. Circle Avenue or online at [bloomingtonparks.org](http://bloomingtonparks.org) beginning March 1. See below for rates:

### Early Bird Rate

March 1-May 1

	R/NR Rate
Individual	\$67/117
Family 2 or 3	\$105/155
Family of 4	\$110/160
Family of 5	\$115/165
Family of 6	\$120/170
Family of 7 or more	\$125/175

### Regular Rate

May 2-summer

	R/NR Rate
Individual	\$92/142
Family 2 or 3	\$130/180
Family of 4	\$135/185
Family of 5	\$140/190
Family of 6	\$145/195
Family of 7 or more	\$150/200

## Summer Day Camp Registration Begins

What a great way to enjoy summer! We offer a variety of camps for children four years old through ninth grade. Each camp is designed with fun activities to suit the age of your child. Registration forms are available at the JRC front desk or at [www.bloomingtonparks.org](http://www.bloomingtonparks.org). Registration for residents will be done lottery style and be accepted starting February 1, 2006. Non-residents may register beginning April 3, 2006. A non-refundable \$10 deposit that is applied toward your last camp payment and completed registration forms are due at time of registration. An additional non-refundable fee of \$50.00 will be charged to non-residents at the time of registration. Register early as spots fill quickly!

Register for programs at the Johnston Recreation Center, 172 S. Circle Ave., or online at [bloomingtonparks.org](http://bloomingtonparks.org)!

The Bloomingdale Park District &  
Bloomingdale Parks Foundation  
present

# Trek for the Trails

## 5K Run/Walk

Benefitting the Bloomingdale Parks Foundation for Trail Improvement  
**Saturday, April 8 at Circle Park**

**Date/Time:**

Saturday, April 8, 2006

8:00am Race Start

6:45-7:45am Race Day Registration

**Awards:**

Awards will be given for 1st Place in the  
Men's, Women's and Kids 5K Run divisions.

**Registration:**

Individual

\$15 Pre-registration

\$20 Race Day Registration

To ensure you receive a t-shirt on Race Day  
you must pre-register.

Families/Groups

Families and groups are encouraged to  
participate in the walk for a \$10 pre-registration  
fee. Each family/group member will receive a  
water bottle. A t-shirt is an additional \$7/person.

**Pre-registration deadline is April 3, 2006**

**For More Race Information:**

Bloomingdale Park District 529-3650

[www.bloomingdaleparks.org](http://www.bloomingdaleparks.org)

**Register  
Today!**

**Entry Form**

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**Runner**

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**Walker**

Please make checks payable to Bloomingdale Parks Foundation or use your Visa/Mastercard

Return entry to: Trek for the Trails Run/Walk, 172 S. Circle Ave, Bloomingdale, IL 60108

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(M) (F) (Family)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

# of part. \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: (M) (L) (XL) (XXL)

Visa/Mastercard # \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Waiver: In consideration of your accepting my entry, I, intending to be legally bound, do hereby for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims that I might have against the persons and organizations affiliated with the race, the sponsoring agencies, and the assignees for any and all injuries suffered by me while traveling to and from, while participating in the Trek for the Trails 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, April 8, 2006. I further attest that I am physically fit and sufficiently trained for participation in this event.

Signature of Registrant (Parent or Guardian if under 18 years of age)

Date

Amount Paid

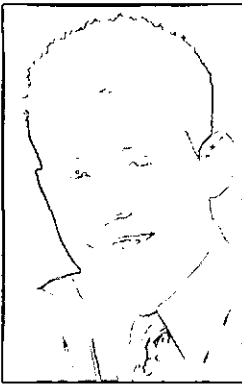


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## Dollars for Dan



Dan Burgess is a 17-year old senior at Lake Park High School. The young man was diagnosed with cancer in August 2005. He went through three rounds of chemotherapy. At the end of December 2005,

the disease had spread to both lungs. Dan is currently in a top-rated hospital in Indiana undergoing stem cell treatment, bone marrow treatment and intense chemotherapy. Dan's friends, have organized a spaghetti dinner fundraiser, "Dollars for Dan," which is being sponsored by the Lake Park Senior Class Council, on Friday, February 7 from 6-9 p.m. at Lake Park's west campus, 500 W. Bryn Mawr, in Roselle.

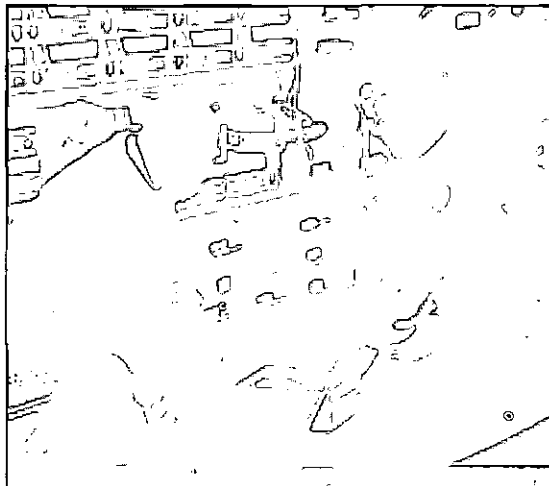
Dinner, which consists of spaghetti & meatballs, salad, dessert, soft drinks and coffee will be served from 6-8 p.m. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens and children 12 years & under. The evening will also feature a silent auction, raffle and 50/50 cash split. All proceeds will go to the Burgess family to help with Dan's expenses. For more information, contact Laura Korniak at 630-290-4399

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## Cops & Kids for Christmas



Thanks to the Bloomingdale Parks Foundation, Meijer, Royal American Bank and the Bloomingdale Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #175, 19 local needy youngsters did some Christmas shopping for their family members, as well as for themselves at our Meijer store. Over 15 officers took part. Salerno's Rosedale Chapels also purchased new coats and Rosati's provided a pizza lunch for all.



## 'Chef Dennis' Traveling on the Polar Express!

Dennis Szafran, our Public Works Maintenance Superintendent, annually dresses up as a chef for the Bloomingdale Library's Polar Express children's holiday excursion. Dennis has been volunteering for this since the event's inception eight years ago! What a guy!!

