

Village of Bloomingdale Almanac

DECEMBER 2006

**New
Parallel
Parking
Regulations**

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From the Desk of Mayor Bob Iden

We may be getting closer to the end of the year, but things certainly aren't winding down here in Bloomingdale. You can see construction underway in several areas of town and there have been numerous ribbon-cuttings, grand openings, grand re-openings, etc.

Along east Lake Street, Alden's Children's Home is putting on an addition to allow for roomier quarters for its young residents and Gammonley continues construction on the three additional condominium buildings at Medinah on the Lake. Moving on to west Lake Street, Alden Horizon Senior Residential just west of South Maple is coming along, Old Town Bank is underway at Rosedale Avenue and Midwest Bank is nearly finished just west of Platt Hill Nursery.

At Springfield Drive and Schick Road, Toll Brothers Bloomingdale Walk townhomes are taking shape, and just to the west you can see the metal framing of Jameson's Charhouse. Inside Stratford Drive surrounding the mall, the progress of the renovated Century Theater structure is visible even from a distance. South toward Army Trail Road, the footprints of Bloomingdale Walk condominiums are visible from Schick.

In addition, there have been ribbon cuttings at Best Buy to introduce two new departments, at Office Max to introduce its entirely new look, and at Half Price Books as it opened next to Office Max. Steve and Barry's University Sportswear opened in the mall, Kapamilya Foods & Catering, a new Filipino/Asian grocery store, has located on Ridge, Little Poland, a Polish Deli is a new addition in Springbrook Shopping Center and Century 21 Lullo has taken up residence along Lake Street just west of Bloomingdale Road.

To add to all this excitement, there's a new guy in town for a limited engagement. As the highlight of a parade in town, Santa Claus made his way to Stratford Square perched on a Bloomingdale fire truck on November 12th. He'll be appearing there until he and the reindeer have to make their night-long trip on Christmas Eve. Stop in and say hi.

Happy Holidays.

Mayor Bob Iden



Santa arrived in Bloomingdale on Saturday, November 11 on a Bloomingdale fire truck (since there was no snow for the sleigh). He will be on hand from now until December 24th on the upper level above Center Court to listen to the Christmas wishes of young and old.

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

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Village President

Susan L. Bartucci

Village Clerk

TRUSTEES

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*Planning, Zoning
& Environmental Concerns*

Robert Czernek

Traffic and Street Infrastructure

John Dabrowski

Police and Community Relations

Judi Von Huben

*Intergovernmental Relations and
Emergency Planning*

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*Finance, Personnel and
Administration*

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Facilities and Golf Course

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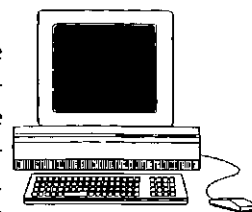
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net.att.net**

Our website address is:

www.vil.bloomingtondale.il.us



**The deadline for
the December issue
of the
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JANUARY 10**

Pink in the Park



Erickson Girl Scout Troop 827, has been working on earning a Bronze Award. Among their many service projects, they planted pink tulips in Old Town Park during October for Breast Cancer Awareness. The girls of Troop 827 (alpha order) Nicole Alfano, Margo Fink, Jamie Gabanski, Lauren Kiel, Paula Limberg, Emily Majewski, Gina Mastrodomico, Katie McKeown, Alexa Mirandola, Kaley Noonan, Lea Rodbarry, and Amy Szabo. Not pictured: Lana Petersen, Angela Shaw and Rachael Hansen.

Notice a Ground Swell or a Constant Flow Of Water? It Could be a Water Main Break

Winter is typically a busy time of year for Public Works crews. Water main breaks occur year round but are more frequent in the winter months. "Water main break" is a term frequently used to describe a variety of underground pipeline failures. The Village water distribution infrastructure consists of approximately 122 miles of water mains, 1750 fire hydrants, 6,000 b-boxes, and 1500 valves to maintain and repair. These are generally located in the parkway in front of your home or in rear yard easements. Most water main breaks are easy to detect as the ground above the leak will swell and a constant flow of water will run out. Repairs are typically scheduled by the severity of the leak with priority given to the safety of the water supply, potential for damage, and inconvenience to the affected customers. Repairs vary in time due to conditions such as weather and conflicts with other utilities. To make a repair the crew has to shut off the water main. Water is generally off 4 to 6 hours for the average repair. The crews typically knock on the doors of the homes affected by the shutdown unless it's late at night. When the water is turned back on, it may be discolored. This discoloration is generally due to mineral sediments in the watermain that are disturbed from the repairs. This will settle in a short period time. Unless you are specifically notified, the water remains safe to drink or what is commonly called "potable."

To report a watermain break please call the Village Services – Utilities Division at 630-671-5830 during normal business hours Monday through Friday 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. After hours the on-call person can be reached by calling the Police Department non-emergency number at 630-529-9868.

When the Weather Outside is Frightful . . . Keep Yourself and your Water Pipes Warm

When it's bitter cold:

Let hot and cold water trickle from faucets located adjacent to an outer wall.

Open cabinet doors to allow heat to warm uninsulated pipes under a sink or an appliance near an outer wall.

Make sure the furnace thermostat is left on and never set below 55 degrees.

If you plan to be away, ask someone to check your home daily to make sure the furnace is sufficiently warming the house.

If pipes freeze:

Make sure you and your family members know how to shut off your home's water service.

Call a plumber and an insurance agent to inspect whatever damage has occurred.

Never try to thaw a pipe with an open flame or torch.

Always be careful of the potential for electric shock when working in or around standing water.





A Pile of Snow Shoveling Tips

Be heart healthy and back friendly while shoveling this winter with these tips:

- ☐ If you are inactive and have a history of heart trouble, talk to your doctor before you take on the task of shoveling snow.
- ☐ Avoid caffeine or nicotine before beginning. These are stimulants, which may increase your heart rate and cause your blood vessels to constrict, which places extra stress on the heart.
- ☐ Drink plenty of water. Dehydration is just as big an issue in cold winter months as it is in the summer.
- ☐ Dress in several layers so you can remove a layer as needed.
- ☐ Warm up your muscles before shoveling, by walking for a few minutes or marching in place. Stretch the muscles in your arms and legs, because warm muscles will work more efficiently and be less likely to be injured.
- ☐ Pick the right shovel for you. A smaller blade will require you to lift less snow, putting less strain on your body. Newer shovels are manufactured from lightweight components that are ergonomically designed from high-impact molded polyethylene that won't rust, dent or bend, and are extraordinarily strong and durable. Aluminum tubing is also lighter and stronger than old-fashioned wooden handles.
- ☐ Begin shoveling slowly to avoid placing a sudden demand on your heart. Pace yourself and take breaks as needed.
- ☐ Protect your back from injury by lifting correctly.
- ☐ Stand with your feet about hip width for balance and keep the shovel close to your body. Bend from the knees (not the back) and tighten your stomach muscles as you lift the snow. Avoid twisting movements. If you need to move the snow to one side reposition your feet to face the direction the snow will be going.
- ☐ Most importantly listen to your body. Stop if you feel pain!

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Village's Snow & Ice Teams Are On Duty 24/7 to Keep Streets Safe When Snow and Ice Arrive in Town

Going into winter, we are sure of only two things: It's going to be cold and it's going to snow. The Public Works Snow and Ice Control Team is ready to go at a moment's notice. The Team stands ready to implement the Village's "bare pavement" policy of clearing every street of snow and ice from curb to curb when the snow flies.

The Team is gearing up for its annual winter battle against the elements. Equipment preparations, salt purchases and plow driver training begin in early October. The purpose is to provide the residents, visitors and consumers with the area's safest streets when Old Man Winter casts his fury on Bloomingdale.

A rigorous preventative maintenance program for all snow fighting vehicles and equipment helps ensure the equipment will perform in the event of winter storms. Public Works begins purchasing its salt supply in November, having nearly 1,500 tons of salt on hand to deal with the winter storms.

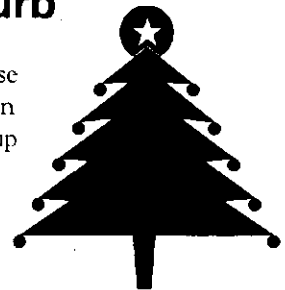
Wonder why fully-outfitted snow plows are rolling down the street on sunny days in November? Plow drivers and secondary crews train to get familiar with their assigned routes. The drivers get out onto the streets so they can reacquaint themselves with their routes, and take note of any hazards that may damage the equipment.



The Snow and Ice Control Team takes great pride in their efforts to keep the residents of the Village of Bloomingdale safe during the snow and ice season.

Enjoy Your Christmas Tree . . . Then Recycle It at the Curb

Allied Waste System, the Village's refuse hauler, will pick up Christmas trees on your regularly scheduled refuse pick-up day, December 27th through January 26th. Place your Christmas tree in the parkway and follow these simple guidelines:



- ☐ Do not put trees in plastic bags -- they will not be recycled.
- ☐ Remove all decorations including lights, garland, tinsel, and metal (such as nails). Be sure to remove the stand.
- ☐ Dispose of artificial or natural wreaths in the regular household garbage.
- ☐ Position the Christmas tree with the cut end toward the curb for easy loading.
- ☐ Do not place artificial trees at the curb for recycling.

New Law Requires Carbon Monoxide Detector Alarms in Residences Effective January 1, 2006

The Carbon Monoxide Alarm Detector Act (PA 94-0741), effective January 1, 2007, requires homeowners and landlords to install carbon monoxide detectors in all buildings containing bedrooms and sleeping facilities. This Act pertains to all structures, both new and existing.

The Act requires:

- ☐ Every "dwelling unit" must be equipped with at least one operable carbon monoxide alarm within 15 feet of every room used for sleeping purposes.
- ☐ The alarm may be combined with smoke detecting devices provided the unit complies with respective standards and the alarm differentiates the hazard.
- ☐ A "dwelling unit" means a room or suite of rooms used for human habitation, and includes single family residences, multiple family residences, and mixed use buildings.
- ☐ If a structure contains more than one "dwelling unit," an alarm must be installed within 15 feet of every sleeping room in each "dwelling unit."
- ☐ The owner (or authorized agent) must supply and install all required alarms. The owner must ensure that the alarms are operable on the date of initiation of a lease. The tenant is responsible for testing and maintaining the alarm (including batteries) after the lease commences. The tenant is required to notify the owner in writing of any deficiencies that the tenant cannot correct.
- ☐ The owner is required to furnish one tenant per dwelling unit with written information regarding alarm testing and maintenance.
- ☐ The carbon monoxide alarms required under this Act may be either battery-powered, plug-in with battery back-up, or wired into the structure's AC power line with secondary battery back-up.
- ☐ Willful failure to install or maintain in operating condition any alarm is a Class B criminal misdemeanor.

Exemptions to the Act:

Those residential units in a building that:

- ☐ do not rely on combustion of fossil fuel for heat, ventilation or hot water;
- ☐ are not connected to a garage; and
- ☐ are not sufficiently close to any ventilated source of carbon monoxide to receive carbon monoxide from that source OR a residential unit that is not sufficiently close to any source of carbon monoxide so as to be at risk of receiving carbon monoxide from that source, as determined by the local building commissioner

If all three of the above conditions are met, the residential unit shall NOT require carbon monoxide alarms.

Army Trail Road to be Widened During Summer 2007

The DuPage County Highway Department is planning to widen Army Trail Road between Regency Drive and Schmale Road during the Summer of 2007. The project consists of extending the existing 6-lane divided highway cross section from Regency Drive to Bloomingdale Road, constructing a center bi-directional turn lane between Bloomingdale Road and Schmale Road, building additional intersection capacity, and installing a traffic signal at Bloomingdale Road and Greenway Drive.

The project is being constructed by the DuPage County Highway Department. The project is expected to commence during the winter of 2006-07, weather permitting on utility relocation, with the road widening to occur during the Spring and Summer of 2007. It is expected that the project completion, if all goes according as planned, would be late fall 2007.

There are no road closures planned as part of this project. However, there will be traffic delays during the work, and temporary lane closures at various times throughout the project.



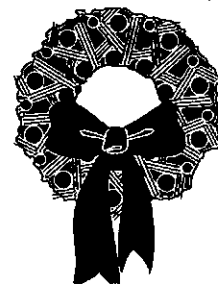
Happy Holidays!

The Village Hall will be closed:

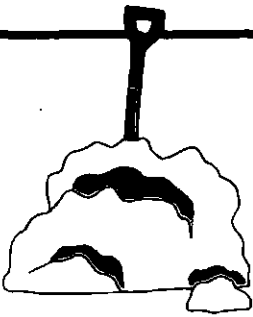
Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26

Monday, January 1 and Tuesday, January 2

for the Christmas and New Year's holidays



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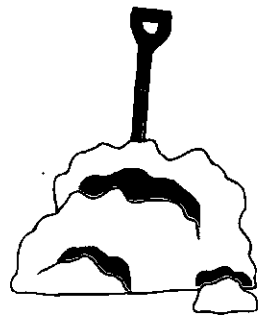
With the seasonal snowfall just around the corner, the Village Services Department, Public Works Division is ready to combat snow and ice on the 138 center lane miles of Village streets, making them safer for motorists.



When a storm begins, day or night, Village crews are promptly mobilized and begin spreading salt. The Village initially salts all Village streets approximately 100 feet before and after each intersection. The initial salt application mitigates icing conditions contributing to more effective snow removal operations. After a 1-inch to 2-inch accumulation of snow, crews begin the snowplow operations according to predetermined snow routes. The routes consist of 4 routes with 8 vehicles (2 separate vehicles handle cul-de-sacs and dead ends) and have been carefully designed to allow for the optimum use of the available snowplowing equipment and personnel. All Village-owned streets will eventually be plowed, but main streets are cleared before side streets, which are cleared before cul-de-sacs and dead ends. The rate at which the streets are cleared depends on many factors including total accumulation, type of snow (wet or powder-like), temperature and volume of traffic on streets during plow operations.

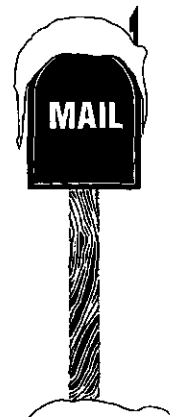
What Are the Village's Parking Regulations When It Snows?

The Village's winter parking ban takes effect after snowfalls of 2 inches or more. The ban applies to all vehicles on any Village-owned street and is in effect for a period of 24 hours or until the streets have been cleared of snow. Residents can assist Village crews in the snow removal efforts by parking vehicles in driveways or other off-street parking areas.



What If a Snowplow Damages My Mailbox?

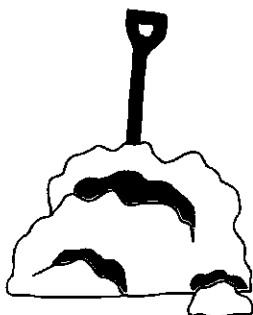
The Village will replace and/or reimburse a resident up to \$50.00 for a mailbox and post which is damaged as a result of the Village snowplow operations, provided the homeowner notifies the Village of the damage, the Village performs an in-house investigation, and the mailbox is installed per Village setback requirements. If you have questions as to whether or not your mailbox is in compliance with Village requirements, you may contact the Village Services Department -- Street Maintenance Division at 671-5800.



Why Does My Driveway Sometimes Get "Plowed In" When a Snowplow Truck Passes?

The Village snowplows are designed to direct the snow to the curb side of the plow blade. "Side delivery plows" are the fastest and most efficient means available to remove snowfall from the streets. As a result, snow is discharged along the length of the curb, the parkways, and the private driveway areas. The Village has thousands of private driveways abutting Village streets, the cleaning of which is the responsibility of the property owner.

Manpower and equipment limitations prohibit the Village from responding to routine requests to remove snow from private driveways. Therefore, we strongly recommend you delay your schedule for clearing the driveway until the snowplows have cleaned the majority of your street. **THE VILLAGE ORDINANCES PROHIBIT THE DISCHARGE OF SNOW ONTO THE VILLAGE STREETS.** This illegally placed snow may freeze or become compacted, creating a safety hazard for all motorists.



Who Do I Call With Questions About Snow Removal Operations?

Any questions regarding snow removal should be directed to the Village Services Department - Public Works Maintenance Division Superintendent at 671-5800.

Advisories are Closer Than You Think!

Wintertime Words to the Wise

Use extra caution when driving through intersections following a heavy snowfall.

Snow is piled on cross streets when intersections are plowed. Until crews have had their final pass to completely clear the intersection, the snow piles along the curb lane may hinder visibility.

Please do not attempt to stop the snow plow operators to discuss questions or problems.

Such interruptions slow crews and reduce the speed of the truck and the efficiency of the snow removal operations. Drivers are instructed not to stop to talk to residents.

If it is still snowing, or if snow is anticipated on the evening before garbage pick-up day, we ask that you delay putting out your garbage for as long as possible. This will eliminate the problem of garbage containers being covered by snow that is pushed against the curb by the plows. Place garbage containers on the driveway or as close to the driveway as possible to give refuse collectors room to pick them up

Additional Snow Removal Information

Ornamental rocks along the curb or next to the pavement on non-curb streets present a serious safety hazard to the snow removal equipment. **If residents use rocks or planters for landscape beautification, they need to insure that they are a minimum of three feet in back of the curb or pavement on non-curb streets.** If these obstacles are not removed by the residents, the Village will remove them, if deemed necessary for safe snow removal operations.

Fire Hydrants

For the convenience of firefighters - if an emergency should occur (maybe at your address), dig a path to the fire hydrant in front of your house **from the street**. Dig out around the fire hydrant too. If firefighters can see a hydrant, they can get to it more quickly. Better yet, adopt a hydrant near your home and see that it is accessible.

Motorists - Stay Back Three Car Lengths

Do not follow snow plows too closely. Sometimes they stop and then back up. If you're right behind one when that happens, well . . . Give snow plows plenty of space. Also, remember driving on slick wintertime pavements is dangerous, even if they've been plowed. Take more time to get where you're going, begin slowing for stops sooner and, for heaven's sake, don't drink and then try to drive.

Winter Phone Numbers



Village of Bloomingdale
Snow Phone (630) 671-5800
Call this number to report a problem. We regret that it is not possible to advise exactly when your particular street will be plowed.

Village of Bloomingdale
Police Department -
Non-Emergency (630) 529-9868
Call this number for non-emergency general information.

Bloomingdale Fire District -
Emergency 911

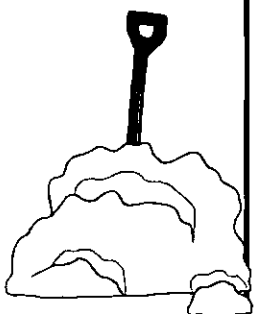
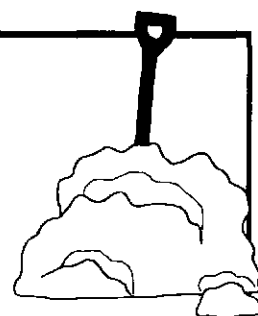
Illinois Department of Transportation
Information Line. . . . 312-DOT-INFO
(312-368-4636)
Call this number for information on State roads (i.e., Lake Street)

The Illinois Department of Transportation
also offers weather/road condition information on their web site:
<http://www.dot.state.il.us/tpublic.html>

Division of Transportation -
DuPage County 630-407-6920
Call this number for information on DuPage County Roads. (i.e., Army Trail Road, Bloomingdale Road, Gary Avenue, Schmale Road)

Illinois Tollway Roadway Information
Line 800-865-5394
Call this number for tollway information including problems with fog, snow, ice, high winds and trailer bans. The information is updated every four hours, or more often if weather conditions warrant.

Weather Information . . . 630-976-1212





Winter Gardening Tips Snow & Ice on Trees and Shrubs

The winter storm that poses the greatest danger to trees and shrubs is a heavy, wet snowfall followed by very cold temperatures and more snow. The result is a heavy accumulation on the crowns of trees and shrubs, which can cause stems to split and break.

Snow removal on trees and shrubs should only be done while the snow is fresh; once it becomes frozen, trying to remove it can cause damage, such as broken branches.

To remove snow, gently brush it or shake it from the branches to lessen the accumulated weight caused by the heavy snow. It is best to tap the branches carefully with your hand rather than using a utensil, such as a broom or brush, which may cause breakage.

Avoid using large amounts of de-icing salts around plants along sidewalks and driveways.

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Six Smart Tips to Help You Drive Safely This Winter

The leading cause of death during winter storms is transportation accidents. Many accidents could be avoided if drivers took time to learn and practice these tips for driving safely during snowy and icy conditions.

Perhaps the deadliest danger of all is "black ice." Black ice is ice which forms on a roadway, usually due to snow melting and re-freezing. Since it is almost invisible, drivers fail to recognize black ice conditions and may drive at normal speeds—often resulting in very serious accidents. Always be alert to the possibility of black ice when temperatures are near or below freezing. Pavement that looks dry, but appears darker in color and dull-looking, should alert you to the presence of black ice.

Failing to allow yourself enough time to stop is a major cause of winter driving accidents. During slippery conditions stopping distances can triple. Driving at a slower speed, anticipating stops at traffic lights and intersections, and applying brakes sooner than normal will help ensure accident-free stops. When braking, brake carefully with short, rapid application of the brakes. Always allow plenty of extra space between you and other vehicles to minimize the need for quick stops.

Acceleration, turning, and passing also present dangers during winter. Accelerate slowly to avoid loss of traction and subsequent loss of control. Turn slowly, with caution, to avoid sliding into a stationary object or the path of an oncoming vehicle. Avoid sudden movements. Pass with care because passing lanes are not maintained as well as driving lanes. Again, leave extra space between yourself and other vehicles so there's room to maneuver in case something goes wrong. During a skid, steer cautiously in the direction you want the car to go.

Here are some other tips you should remember for driving safely in winter:

- ☐ Always use your seatbelt.
- ☐ Turn on your headlights during adverse weather conditions. Overcast skies and falling snow limit visibility. It is important to see and be seen.
- ☐ Like all the signs say, bridges and overpasses freeze before the roadway. Use extra caution on these.
- ☐ Remember that driving in winter weather conditions causes physical and mental fatigue and reduces reaction times. Get plenty of rest and adequate nutrition. Don't drive while you're sleepy or on medication that causes drowsiness.
- ☐ Prepare your vehicle well ahead of time. Check fluid levels, tire pressure, lights, and the battery. Have a mechanic give your vehicle a winter check-up and make any necessary repairs.
- ☐ Stock an emergency kit containing heavy clothes and a blanket, traction material such as sand or kitty litter, tire chains, a small shovel, first aid kit, flashlight, jumper cables, and a bright cloth to use as a flag.

Share the Spirit of the Holidays -- Here's Five Easy Ways!!



Please be an Angel by joining together with the Village of Bloomingdale employees this holiday season in support of the Salvation Army's Angel Tree Kids, (ages 10 months through 5 years) attending the Salvation Army's Childcare Program in Chicago. Angel Tree tags identifying each child's gift needs and toy desires are available at the Village Hall. All gifts need to be purchased and returned un-wrapped to the Village Hall by Thursday, December 14th. The little angels will receive their gifts before they break for the holidays. If you are interested in participating and would like to be sent a tag, please call Barb Weber at the Village Hall 671-5613.



Bloomingdale Township Sharing Tree - Last year the Volunteer Council of Bloomingdale Township helped make the season brighter for over 750 children in Bloomingdale Township. The Council is asking for help again this holiday season. Names & wishes of local needy youngsters and residents of convalescent and nursing homes will be on the Sharing Tree, located at the Township Transportation Building, 123 Rosedale Road. Wrapped gifts must be returned by December 15.

The Council also notes so many of the "older children," aged 14 - 18, are forgotten each year because they are hard to buy for. They have come up with a suggestion that is both easy and eliminates the guesswork of what to buy. Mall certificates and gift cards are a perfect choice for the older kids. For more information on the Sharing Tree Program, call Terri at 529-9993.

Ages, names and suggested gift ideas for **Marklund Home** residents will be placed on trees at:



Bloomingdale Park District, 172 S. Circle
Pivot Point, 144 E. Lake Street (Springbrook Shopping Center)
Marklund Children's Home, 164 S. Prairie

Wrapped gifts, with names attached should be returned to the site where the tag where picked up by December 15.



Presents for People and Pets: In the spirit of holiday giving, the Bloomingdale Park District is once again participating in the annual Giving Tree program but this year we're going one step further to include our four-legged friends. All are invited to open up their hearts to light up this holiday season for Marklund residents, as well as residents of the Pet Rescue Sanctuary in Bloomingdale. Stop by the 'Giving Tree Wreath' at the Johnston Recreation Center, 172 S. Circle Avenue to pick up a wish list and cheer up the lives of children, canines and kittens! Happy Holidays!



Toys for Tots - Applebee's Restaurant, 354 W. Army Trail Road: The Bloomingdale Applebee's is accepting Toys for Tots until December 21 on behalf of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. Gifts should be unwrapped. Call 582-8150 for more information.



New Regulation Prohibits Parallel Parking On Driveway Aprons

The Village of Bloomingdale has been struggling recently with several parking issues in residential areas that affect quality of life and aesthetics. Studies indicate that about 25% of today's U.S. households have three or more vehicles, compared with 20% in 1990. Furthermore, from 1980 to 2000, the number of vehicles per 1,000 persons rose 14 percent and the number of miles driven per vehicle rose 24 percent. This basically translates to more vehicles and more drivers per family. The impact for the Village of Bloomingdale is simply, "Where do we (citizens) park our vehicles?"

Some families have multiple vehicles parked on the driveway of their homes, especially overnight, due to the parking ordinance which prohibits overnight street parking from 2:00 am to 5:00 am. This practice often causes the violation of another ordinance, which prohibits parking over the sidewalk. Some families have even gone as far as to park vehicles parallel to the street on the apron of the driveway, which causes issues with possible damage to these vehicles from snowplows, as well as adding a fairly unappealing and unsightly problem in front of homes in residential areas.

Due to this phenomenon, we have found that it would be prudent to pass an ordinance to control parallel parking on an apron. This ordinance #2006-52, passed by the Bloomingdale Village Board on November 13, 2006, prohibits parallel parking on the apron of a driveway. This ordinance became effective immediately.

It is understood that this may cause some inconvenience to people with multiple vehicles. We at the Village of Bloomingdale understand this and would request that homeowners take stock at what they may have their garage and attempt to tidy it up to fit in another vehicle. This effort will have a long lasting effect on the safety of our neighborhoods and aesthetic quality for the entire Village of Bloomingdale.

If you have questions, please call Police Chief Tim Goergen or Police Commander Frank Giammarese at 529-9868.

Be a Safe Holiday Season Shopper

We know we list these safety tips every holiday season, but we urge you to please take a minute to review them this year. The police department deals with victims of theft each year. Please don't let one of them be you or a member of your family.

While Shopping:

- Keep your purse/wallet and packages with you at all time.
- Hold your purse close to your body and keep it in front of you.
- Place your wallet, money, etc. in your front pants pocket.
- Don't display large amounts of cash to others.
- Take only the appropriate amount of money, credit cards, or checkbook for the shopping you are conducting.
- Do not leave items unattended in a shopping cart, on a counter, or floor.
- Teach children to go to a cashier if they are lost.
- Be alert and walk confidently. Pay attention to those around you.
- Be careful when giving out your credit card or when using an ATM facility.
- Place all valuables in your trunk. Anything in plain view may be taken.
- Park in well-lighted, busy areas. Consider the time of day or evening that you will be doing your shopping.
- Look around and inside your vehicle before opening your vehicle.
- Any problems, notify the security department or the police department.

Any questions or concerns about this information or any other crime prevention information please contact Officer Dawn Odoi at the Bloomingdale Police Department at (630) 529-9868.



THE BLOOMINGDALE

BUSINESS BEAT

The Business Beat features 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

KAPAMILYA FOODS AND CATERING NOW OPEN:

Bloomington residents were treated to a variety of culinary delights during the jam-packed grand opening of Kapamilya Foods and Catering on November 12. A new Filipino/Asian grocery store featuring many take-out items, it is located at 120 Ridge Avenue, just southeast of Lake Street and Bloomington Road.



Patrons can choose the cooked, ready-to-eat items such as BBQ pork on a stick (try the 911 BBQ),

Korean beef ribs, fried tilapia, pansit, breads, pastries and desserts, in addition to stocking up on dried, canned and fresh grocery items. Come in on weekend mornings for a special breakfast of eggs, fried rice and longanisa (sausage). The store also offers catering services, including whole lechon (roasted pig). Phone cards for locations around the world will be available.

You've got to come in for the experience," says owner Jerry Hart. "If you have never experienced Filipino foods and family customs, this is the place." He adds, "We chose to open in Bloomington because—in addition to its large Asian population—it is very friendly and family oriented."

Kapamilya Foods is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. For information, call (630) 893-2477.

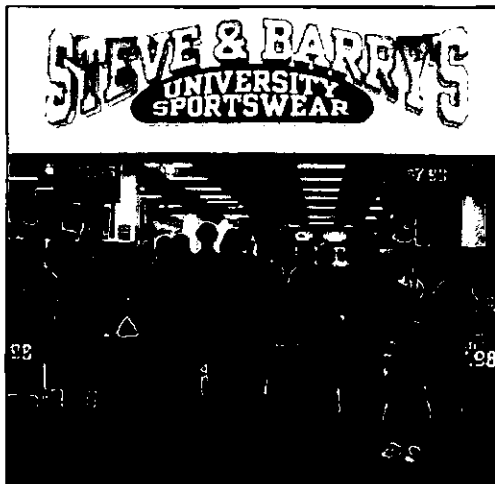
STEVE & BARRY'S NEW AT STRATFORD SQUARE:

Steve & Barry's, a revolution in retail, opened in Stratford Square Mall on November 17th, the 14th store in Illinois. With other locations in Aurora, Carbondale, Champaign, Chicago Ridge, Danville, Dekalb, Joliet, Lombard, Mt. Prospect, North Riverside, Peoria and West Dundee, Steve &

Barry's has become the shopping destination for families.

"We are a one-stop shop for the whole family and we are committed to providing high quality clothing at unbelievably low prices," said Jay

Kim, the spokeswoman for Steve & Barry's. "We have everything from college gear to support your favorite team to more formal clothing that you can wear to work. Whether it's for work or play, Steve & Barry's offers a great selection with most items priced around \$10 or less."



Based in New York, Steve & Barry's University Sportswear is a leading national specialty retailer offering licensed and non-licensed apparel for men, women and children. Founded in 1985, the company now operates over 150 stores in 33 states and remains committed to providing the ultimate shopping experience with hardwood floors, state-of-the-art audio/video systems, and quality merchandise at affordable prices.



BEST BUY recently celebrated the introduction of two new product lines with a triple ribbon cutting by Mayor Iden. New to the Bloomington store are the Magnolia Home Theater line and new Home Business products and services.

Village of Bloomingdale Expanded Holiday Weekend Hours for Dial-A-Ride Transportation

The Village of Bloomingdale will again be offering Expanded Weekend Dial-A-Ride hours during the holiday season from Saturday, November 25 through Sunday, December 31st. The Holiday Weekend Service will run from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays and 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sundays.



Bloomingdale residents may ride anywhere within the Bloomingdale Township boundaries and also to Central DuPage, Alexian Brothers and Glen Oaks Hospitals; DuPage Oncology Clinic, Monakea Medical Complex, Wheaton Medical Clinic and Wheaton Eye Clinic.

Bloomingdale's Weekend Dial-A-Ride one-way rates are:

- \$3.00 for Adult Residents
- \$1.50 for Village residents with a disability, Village senior citizens (age 65 & older) and for students

Free for children (under age 7) when accompanied by a fare-paying adult

Reservations shall be accepted up to one week in advance on a first come, first served basis. Same day service requests are accepted, however transportation cannot be guaranteed..

Weekend Dial-A-Ride Reservations may be made by calling: 1-800-713-7445

Historically Speaking . . .

by Annamarie Erickson for the Bloomingdale Historical Society

In 1837, before we were Bloomingdale, even before we were DuPage County, the Meacham's Grove Post Office was established in what was still Cook County at the time. Later the village's name was changed to Bloomingdale and on February 9, 1939, this portion of Illinois became DuPage County.

The moveable postal unit, which was patented on June 15, 1886, is on permanent display in the Bloomingdale Public Library Local History Room. It was used from the 1890's until 1960 and during that time, it moved from Hjelte Drug Store, to Kolbusch Grocery to Bender's Hardware

The first building to be used solely as a Post Office was at 107 South Third Street, now Walk-In Closet. The second, a 1962 building located at 109 South Bloomingdale Road, is now known as Four Seasons Amusement. The third and our current post office facility was built in 1987 on Schick Road. This site is believed to have been where the Indians camped and also the area of some pioneers' cabins.

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

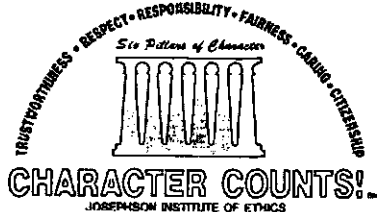


Above: The 1886 postal unit on permanent display at library
Left: Kolbusch Grocery



Five Bloomingdale Young People Honored With 2006 American Youth Awards

The annual CHARACTER COUNTS Celebration was held in late October. During the evening, five young people were honored as they were presented with the 2006 American Youth Character Awards. Each student is chosen by the faculty at his/her respective school as a true example of the six pillars of character – trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring & citizenship. The winners, flanked by Police Watch Commander Randy Sater and Mayor Bob Iden, are Natalie Wodniak, DuJardin; Julianne DeClerk, Erickson; Emily Parenti, St. Isidore; Katherine Wacławik, Westfield; and Katelyn Lively, Winnebago. Top inset – Kids & adults do the Six-Pillar Shuffle.

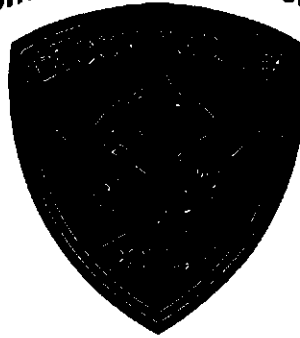


Thanks, Leos!

Thanks to the Bloomingdale Leos Club, the Christmas wreaths hanging from the street lights along Lake Street have a new look. Several of these Westfield students spent three weekend days adding garland and new ornaments to the holiday decorations to "spiff" them up a bit. This was just another of the many service projects the club has undertaken in the mere 13 months they have been in existence.



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15th Annual Citizens Police Academy Classes Begin January 24

As part of the Bloomingdale Police Department's community-oriented philosophy, a Citizen Police Academy is offered each year. This provides an opportunity to enhance the lines of communication with individuals who live and work in Bloomingdale. The six-week session consists of both instruction and discussion on various areas of law enforcement. Each Wednesday evening class runs from 6:30-9:30 p.m. There are currently openings for the 15th annual Academy.

The dates and topics for this program are as follows:

January 24	Orientation, Administrative Services, Tour of Police Department
January 31	Constitutional Law, Juvenile Law
February 7	Radar Enforcement, DUI/Accident Investigation
February 21	Use of Force, Liability
February 28	Simulated Firearms, Role-playing Scenarios
March 7	Community Oriented Policing Graduation

Teen T.A.L.K. Program Begins January 11

Young adults have an academy of their own, the Teen and Law Enforcement "K"ommunicating (T.A.L.K.) Program. This program promotes positive police contact and gives young adults an open forum to ask pertinent questions and to clarify misinformation passed on to them by their peers. Classes are held on six consecutive Thursdays from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Dates and topics are as follows:

January 11	Team Building
January 18	Illinois Vehicle Code, DUI/Zero Tolerance
January 25	Juvenile Law, Retail Theft
February 1	Gangs, Drugs, Searches
February 8	Tour of DuPage County Jail
February 15	Internet Safety, Personal Safety, Graduation

Street Smart Seniors -- Check It Out!

The Street Smart Senior Program is similar to the Citizen Police Academy, but adjusts topics and times to meet the needs of seniors. It meets for six consecutive weeks from 9 a.m. - Noon for six weeks. Street Smart Seniors will also begin in January.

For additional information or to register for any of these programs, call Officer Dawn Odoi at 529-9868.

Neighborhood Watch: Protecting your Neighborhood

Upcoming meetings & events

All residents are encouraged to attend the Neighborhood Watch meetings. There is no pressure to become a member, but there's always useful information. Meetings are held every other month, beginning in January, in the Council Room of the Village Hall, 201 S.

Bloomington Road at 7:30 p.m. Here are the general meeting dates for 2007, along with January's topic.

January 17, 2007 - Open Forum with Village Officials from the Mayor's Office, Police Department, and Fire Department. Individuals will present an update on their departments and address the public on any questions or concerns within the Village.

March 21

May 16

July 18

August 7-

National Night Out Against Crime

September 19

November 14

WELCOME
Bloomingdale is a
CRIME WATCH
COMMUNITY



We immediately report
all suspicious activities
to our police department

SOUNDS OF THE SEASON - The Northwest Suburban Concert Band will be entertaining at the Glendale Heights Jewel/Osco on Bloomingdale Road at 11 am on Saturday, December 9. This band is made up of volunteer adults and some high school students from 13 area communities who play just for the love of it. Three of the musicians hail from Bloomingdale - **Melody Vroman, Rita Hummel and Muriel Schneider**. This is the same band which has been in the Septemberfest parade for a number of years.



Jeff and the apples of his eye -- daughters Shannon and Karissa, at his retirement party.

ANOTHER OF BLOOMINGDALE'S FINEST has retired from our police force. **Jeffrey Fritz** came to the Village of Bloomingdale in 1978 as a patrol officer. He rose through the ranks to become sergeant, then eventually Watch Commander. After 28+ years of dedicated service, he closed the Bloomingdale chapter of his career and began a new chapter as the Police Chief in Canton, IL.

There are many contributions Jeff made during his tenure at Bloomingdale. Among them are serving as the first crime prevention officer, instructing and mentoring new officers as a training officer, running the traffic division and serving as the liquor control officer.

At his recent retirement party, several of the officers who have served under him (including current Police Chief Tim Goergen), had many kind words about the caring, tough, yet fair leader he is. In addition to the exemplary work he did on the job, Jeff was elected to the Police Pension Board by his peers in 1992. Since he became president of the Board, the assets of the pension fund have

grown by 461% to \$16.5 million. He remains on the Board, now as a representative of the retired officers.

We miss Jeff, but wish him great success in Canton and much luck in all his future endeavors.

THE BLOOMINGDALE PARKS

FOUNDATION was established in 1994 to develop alternate sources of funding for the Bloomingdale Park District. The efforts of these committee volunteers range from raising awareness about the Bloomingdale Park District to raising funds for capital improvements, environmental enhancements and program development. Once a year they host a dinner to recognize citizen volunteers for their efforts and dedication to the missions of both the Foundation and the Park District.

This year's winners are **Mark Redini**, Bloomingdale Basketball and Softball Association; **Andre Burke**, Youth Basketball Association; **Kevin Reid**, Youth Football and Cheerleading; **Nikki Paoella**, Youth Football and Cheerleading; **Jamie Alfano**, Bloomingdale Barracudas; **Marybeth Rhebergen**, Bloomingdale Soccer Organization; **Donna Czesak**, Bloomingdale Soccer Organization; **Brian and Grace Shaw**, Bloomingdale Park District Gymnastics.



Mayor Bob Iden visited with Santa to put in a good word about all the Bloomingdale boys and girls.

EVENTS

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Villagers Christmas Party Set for December 7

It will be double the fun at the Villagers of Bloomingdale's annual Christmas party starting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 7 at the Bloomingdale Public Library. You can come just for fun or participate in one or both holiday events. Bring a wrapped \$5 grab bag gift to exchange for another gift or/and bring three dozen homemade cookies and go home with three dozen assorted homemade cookies (bring an empty tin). All area women are invited.

At the February 1st meeting, the Villagers will feature a CPR demonstration by a certified CPR instructor. All interested community members are invited to this demonstration at 6:30 p.m. on the lower level of the library. For information on either event, call Bette at 630-924-6861.

'Front Yard Gardens' Featured at January 17th Garden Club Meeting

"Front Yard Gardens: Put Your Best Foot Forward" is the topic of Bloomingdale Garden Club's January 17th meeting beginning at 6:45 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Public Library. Shirley Remes, noted speaker, gardening expert, and Field Editor for Better Homes and Gardens Magazine will inform and inspire. Why keep all our beautiful plants and borders in the back yard where no one can see them? Shirley's slide presentation includes hints from gardeners who have made bold use of their front yards. For more information, contact Helen Price, (630) 980-6585.

Bloomingtondale Volunteers Make a Difference

Spirits were high at the Bloomingdale Parks Foundation's annual Make A Difference

Day event on October 21. Volunteers toiled clearing out invasive plants near the wetlands area, adding color to the concession building in the form of a mural (photo at right bottom) and donning trash grabbers and walking around picking up litter.



"This was the best organized and attended Make A Difference Day in the six years we've been participating!" exclaimed Peggy Schmuldt, Parks Foundation Board Member.

Children and adults also joined forces and added their artistic touches to terra cotta planters then filled them with seasonal mums. Approximately 100 planters with inspirational messages were donated to the residents of Alden - Valley Ridge Rehabilitation & Health Care Center to brighten up their days and their rooms.



Lake Park High School Boosters Sponsoring Car Raffle:

The Lake Park High School Booster Club will offer a 2007 Ford Mustang V6 Deluxe as the Grand Prize in its 2006 raffle with an MSRP (Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price) of \$20,990. In addition to the Mustang, there will also be 7 cash prizes awarded totaling \$8,500 as listed below:

Two \$2500 cash 2nd Place prizes

Two \$1000 cash 3rd Place prizes

Three \$ 500 cash
4th Place prizes

Tickets are \$50.00 each and no more than 1000 will be sold. They are available at Friendly Ford in Roselle at 333 East Irving Park Road, and on the LPHS Booster website, www.lphsboosters.org/raffle

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Bloomington Church's Youth Group Will be Your 'Holiday Helpers'

The Bloomington Church High School Youth Group is sponsoring "Holiday Helpers on Saturday, December 2nd and Saturday December 9th from 10AM to 10PM. This is a great opportunity for you to get started on your holiday shopping, have lunch with a friend, or go to a holiday party while your children are watched. Our youth and adult sponsors will care for all children out of diapers through age 12 for a few hours or the whole day, whatever you would like. The youth group has activities planned, so while you are getting your errands done, your children will have a great time. Your free-will donation will be applied to the cost of our summer service trip.

For more information call Bloomington Church at 630.894.0090 or register your child online at www.bloomingtonchurch.org. Bloomington Church is located at 264 Glen Ellyn Road.

Holiday Art Exhibit and One-of-a-Kind Handmade Gifts!



Collage Group's exhibit "Cool Blue" and whimsical "Characters in Clay" ceramic pieces by Artist Charlotte Burgess.

You will fall in love with one-of-a-kind handmade ornaments by Artist Mary L. Warner, ranging in price from \$5 - 20 and classy handmade necklace/earring sets from \$20-25 along with lovely scented soaps for \$2.25 made by Local Artist Georgette West.

Don't let the others get there before you! The museum is open during the exhibit on Wednesday from 4:00-8:00 p.m.; Thursday and Friday from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and Saturday from 12:00 noon-4:00 p.m. through December 22. Please call the Museum at 630/539-3096 or Park District at (630) 539-3659 for further information.

Mmmmm, Mmmmmm, Good!

The St. Paul's UCC Church's Women's Ministry has published a cookbook of recipes from women of the church that is available for purchase. It includes many delicious recipes as well as some helpful cooking and baking tips. They make great Christmas and grab bag gifts. The cost is \$10 per book. They can be purchased by contacting the St. Paul's church office at 980-9196.

Looking for that unique item to purchase for the holidays? You will be delighted when you stop by at the Bloomington Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomington Road. Featured for purchase from their current exhibit is wonderful collage art from the Midwest



Santa to Visit Bloomington Pharmacy -- and Make House Calls

The Bloomington Lions Club has arranged for Santa Claus and his elves to greet good little girls and boys from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday,

December 16 at the Bloomington Pharmacy, 156 S. Bloomington Road. The event is free.

Santa is also available to visit children in their Bloomington homes.

Reservations are available from 5-7 p.m. weekdays and from 2-7 p.m. weekends from December 10 through 23. The cost is \$25 per visit.

Limited reservations are available on December 24 and 25. The cost is \$50.

All reservations will occur within a two hour time frame. Visits will be at least 15 minutes long. To make a reservation, call: 630-894-7394 or e-mail bloomingtonlions.netscape.net



Upcoming Holidays Bring Changes to Refuse Pickup Schedule

Remember, due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays, the garbage pick-up date from Allied Waste will be one day later during those holiday weeks.

For All your Holiday Needs...

Think Bloomingdale!!!



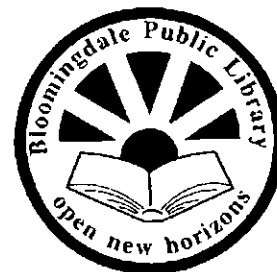
Did you know we have...

- 1 Regional Shopping Mall
- 2 Golf Courses (think gift certificates)
- 3 Hotels
- 3 Bakeries
- 4 Card & Gift Stores
- 4 Day Spas
- 5 Athletic Stores
- 5 Coffee Shops
- 5 Shipping Stores
- 6 Department Stores
- 6 Book Stores
- 6 Grocery Stores
- 7 Florists
- 8 Kid's Clothing Stores
- 8 Electronic/Computers Stores
- 11 Hair Salons
- 12 Pizza Places
- 14 Shoe Stores
- 17 Jewelry Stores
- 20 Men's Clothing Stores
- 29 Women's Clothing Stores
- 40+ Gift Shops
- 46 Restaurants

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VIDEO AND DVD SPECIAL

Videos and DVD rental fees will be waived during the time of our renovation through the holidays. Three videos and three DVDs per card may be checked out free during this period, with a limit of one checkout per day.

BOOK DONATIONS



While we much appreciate book donations, we will be unable to accept them during December and January while we are in the process of the renovation. Thank you!

Dear Village of Bloomington residents,

One of the Bloomington Public Library's institutional goals is to meet the needs of our community by constantly updating our customer service, material selections and technology; however our interior space has largely gone untouched for well over a decade. A quick walk through our building reveals that many of our interior finishes are beginning to show signs of the heavy wear that has occurred over the years. To remedy this situation, the Library Board and Interior Renovation Committee have been hard at work for the past six months planning the details of the first phase of an exciting new multi-phase interior renovation project. Now at long last, the work is scheduled to begin.

Phase one:

The first phase will focus on the public spaces of the main floor and the Local History room. The Library is working with Reed Design Group to create a truly comfortable and exciting space for the community to enjoy for many years to come. The Library will be updating our carpeting/tile work, public desks, lighting, paint and public signage.

Future phases:

The Library is planning this project in several phases so that we may spread the costs out over multiple budget years. The second phase of the project will focus on the lower level of the Library, including the public spaces in the Youth Services Department and the Meeting Rooms. This phase of the renovation will likely take place during August/September 2007.

Funding:

The funding for all phases of this project will come from our capital reserve and will not make an impact on any of our regular services or expenditures.

Phase one detail:

At the present time the Library is analyzing bids, so the exact start date of the project is still unknown. However, we do anticipate that most of the work will be completed during December 2006 and January 2007. When the renovation is underway, we will close off access to the main floor and Local History room. During this time, we will strive to remain open for business with all services provided from the lower level including such key library services as: circulation of materials, especially popular fiction/nonfiction, access to DVDs and newspapers, Internet and computer access. Please note: some select services may be limited or unavailable during the renovation. Lastly, the building may close entirely to allow for carpet adhesive to dry or when the presence of heavy equipment presents a hazard to the public or staff.

Your patience and understanding will be much appreciated throughout this project and the Library Board, Staff and I are hopeful that putting up with this inconvenience be well worth it once the project has been completed.

Please visit the Library's website at www.bloomington.lib.il.us/ for building updates and photos of the renovation work.

Sincerely,

Tim Jarzemsky
Library Director

WINTER YOUTH PROGRAMS

STORYTIMES

Programs for children ages three months through five years.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION/REQUIREMENTS FOR WINTER STORYTIME PROGRAMS

Romper Rhymes, Budding Readers, Time for 2's, Wednesday Preschool Storytimes, Telling Tales with Yoga, and Primary Connections require registration and siblings outside of the designated age ranges may not attend these programs. Please register for these programs at the Youth Services Reference Desk, or by telephoning (630) 924-2740. Please have your library card when you register.

Registration for these programs is limited to Bloomingdale cardholders. We regret that we cannot accommodate non-resident attendance at all programs.

Bedtime Stories, and Family Storytimes will be drop-in, with no registration required.

Winter Programming begins the week of January 22.

Winter Programming ends the week of February 12.



ROMPER RHYMES (3 months - 15 months)

Tuesdays, January 23 - February 13

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

Registration Required

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, January 23 - February 13

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

Registration Required

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, January 24 - February 14

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

Registration Required

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)

Wednesdays, January 24 - February 14

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

Registration Required

Wednesday afternoon 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 in Kindergarten, please see Primary Connections program information.

TELLING TALES WITH YOGA (Ages 3 through grade K)

Thursdays, January 25 - February 15

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

Registration Required

Have you ever seen a cat arch her back, or a dog wag his tail? Sure you have, and even though you don't have a tail, you can pretend you do! Join us in this delightful program where children will learn yoga poses imitating animals or nature and learn some coordination and flexibility as they go along. Stories and activities naturally follow along in the fun. This program is open to children ages three through kindergarten, accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Please make other arrangements for the care of siblings.



PRIMARY CONNECTIONS (K- 1st)

Mondays, January 22 - February 12

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

Registration Required

Primary Connections is a 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 class.

DROP-IN STORYTIMES

The following storytimes do not require registration.

FAMILY STORYTIME (All ages)

Mondays, January 22 - February 12

Fridays, January 26 - February 16

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.



BEDTIME STORIES (All ages)

Tuesdays, January 23 - February 13

No class on January 30

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!**

Youth Services Department WINTER YOUTH PROGRAMS



TUESDAYS WITH TOYS

(Ages 3 months - 5 years)

Tuesdays, November 21, December 5, December 19, January 2, and January 16

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

No Registration Required

Storytimes are taking a break, but the fun never stops at Bloomingdale Public Library! Tuesdays with Toys is an informal program giving parents with small children the opportunity to meet and talk with other parents, while children play with toys and games. Toys and games are most appropriate for children ages 3 months to 5 years. Drop in for one session or all five; registration is not required.

OPEN GAMING (All ages - Children under age 9 must be accompanied by a parent)

Thursday, December 28

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

No Registration Required

Need something to do during the holiday break? Drop by the library for an afternoon of fun and games. Check out our growing collection of games, including Mario Kart, DDR on the big screen, board games, puzzles and more! Registration is not required. For more information contact the Youth Services Department at 630-924-2740.



MEET CHICAGO WOLVES

DEFENSEMAN JIMMY SHARROW (Families)

Wednesday, January 10

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

Don't miss the chance to meet Jimmy Sharrow, who will be visiting us as part of the team's "Read to Succeed" Winter Reading Program. You might be the lucky person who will get a chance to dress in Wolves hockey gear. Mr. Sharrow will be signing autographs and raffling Wolves prizes.

No registration is required, and the program will be open to residents as well as non-residents of Bloomingdale.

FAMILY GAME NIGHTS (Families)

Monday, January 29

Tuesday, February 27

Thursday, March 29

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

No Registration Required

Need a night away from the TV? Looking for something different to do? Bring your family to the Bloomingdale Public Library for a night of fun and games. Try out our growing collection of games, including DDR on the big screen, Mario Kart, board games and more! This program is open to all families, and registration is not required. Please note that one adult must accompany each family. For more information, contact the Youth Services Department at 630-924-2740.



AN EVENING WITH AUTHOR

RIDLEY PEARSON

(All ages)

Tuesday, January 30

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

(Sale of books by Ridley Pearson will begin at 6:30 p.m.)

Admission by ticket only. Tickets may be picked up at the Youth Services Reference Desk beginning December 27. Limit: 4 tickets per person

Meet best-selling crime writer and author of Young Adult books, Ridley Pearson. In his presentation, Mr. Pearson will share the path of his unusual career, from unpublished novelist to an international best seller (*Peter and the Starcatchers*) with humor columnist Dave Barry. Following the program, he will be available to sign copies of his books. You may bring previously purchased copies of Mr. Pearson's books, or purchase copies from a representative of Anderson's Bookshop in Downer's Grove, who will begin selling copies of the books at 6:30 p.m.



CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION (Families)

Sunday February 11th

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

Registration is required.

Join us for the Bloomingdale Library's second annual Chinese New Year Celebration. We will ring in the Year of the Pig with food, music, and crafts. Families of all ages are invited to attend this celebration of Asian culture.

WINTER READING PROGRAM 2007



"CURIOUS? READ!"

(Family Reading Program for Parents and/or Caregivers and their Infants, Toddlers, Preschoolers, and Kindergartners.)

Want your child to be curious about reading? Our Curious George program is designed for children from birth through kindergarten. Embark on a reading adventure as you follow Curious George around our game board. You'll also discover new activities for you and your children to share. Register in-person at the Youth Services Reference Desk to receive your information packet beginning January 8th. Completed reading logs must be turned in at the Youth Services Reference Desk by February 16th to receive your prizes and be entered into the GRAND PRIZE DRAWING.

"READ TO SUCCEED"

(1st - 8th graders)



Participants in this reading program have the chance to win exciting prizes, such as Chicago Wolves merchandise! The program, sponsored by The Chicago Wolves, Fisher Nuts and College Illinois, encourages children to spend more time reading at the library and for recreation.

Register in-person at the Youth Services Desk to receive your information packet beginning January 8. Completed reading logs must be turned in at the Youth Services Reference Desk by February 16th to receive your prizes and be entered into the GRAND PRIZE DRAWING.

Adult/Youth Services Department WINTER PROGRAMS



VolunTEENs (Grades 7-12)
Orientation Meeting
Tuesday, January 9
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Registration is required; limit 12 participants.

Are you a student in grades 7-12? Are you looking for a fun way to get job experience, earn service hours, or make a difference in the community? If so, the Bloomingdale Public Library VolunTEENs program is looking for you! You'll be scheduled 1-3 hours per month to work with the Youth Services staff during the school year. You'll prepare crafts, help keep the library tidy, and help out with special events. All teens, including current VolunTEENs, will need to register for the spring session. The Orientation Meeting familiarizes teen volunteers with department and library procedures, and is **mandatory** for all VolunTEENs who were not active during the fall semester. For more information about this program please contact Sarah Joynt, VolunTEEN Coordinator, at 630-924-2745.



MOTHER/DAUGHTER BOOKCLUB

(Girls in Grades 4 through 7)

Information Night:

Monday, January 22 - 7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Discussion Sessions:

Mondays, February 19, March 19, and April 16
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Registration Required

Reading and sharing your thoughts, opinions, and likes and dislikes about popular literature can be quite fun. The first novel is chosen for light fun, and subsequent books are voted on by the group. This book discussion is for girls in grades four through seven and their moms or special female friends. Please join us; newcomers are always welcome, any time! You don't have to attend all the discussions to be involved, just those that fit your schedule. Call if you would like to be involved but unable to make the information night. This program is open to non-residents. Refreshments served. Register in person at the Youth Services reference desk or phone 630-924-2740.

YA PROGRAM



DANCE DANCE REVOLUTION

(Teens 7th - 12th grades)

Thursday, December 14

&

Thursday, December 28

(Extra night added for winter break!)

&

Thursday, January 11

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

Show off your best dancing skills on our big screen! Don't dance? Just come hang out with your friends. We have food and other games too. Registration not necessary, just stop on by!

ADOPT-A-MAGAZINE

The Bloomingdale Public Library is conducting its annual Adopt-A-Magazine drive to help maintain and expand the periodicals collection. If you would be interested in making a financial donation for the collection, please contact Peggy Carlson at 924-2733 for more information and a list of suggested magazine titles.



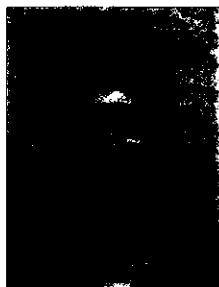
HOLIDAY HOURS



December 24
December 25
December 31
January 1

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NEW BOARD MEMBER



Alice Spanos

Long time board member Alice Spanos has resigned from the library board due to family relocation. Thank you very much for your many dedicated years of service!

To fill this opening, the board has appointed Sonia Singh to fulfill the rest of Alice's term. Sonia is a lifetime resident of Bloomingdale and is a science teacher at York High School. She also had previously worked at the Bloomingdale Library both in the Circulation and Adult Services Department from December 2000 - December 2005. Sonia is married to Bhupinder and has a four year old son, Navpaul.



Mayor Bob Iden swearing in new board member Sonia Singh

Adult Services Department

WINTER ADULT PROGRAMS

ADULT PROGRAMS

All programs are free and open to everyone.

Please call the Adult Services desk to register, 924-2730 unless noted otherwise.



UTILITIES AND YOU

Tuesday, December 12
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

A representative of the Citizens Utility Board will present current information on issues or upcoming changes in local utilities including gas, electric and telephones. This presentation will include a question and answer segment, so bring your questions!



PODIATRY SCREENING

Wednesday, December 13
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Robert Geary, podiatrist, will screen patients for persistent pain, swelling, loss of sensation, and blisters or ulcers that will not heal. Limited appointments will be available. Registration is required. Please call AlexianConnects at 1-866-ALEXIAN (253-9426). Program at library.



COLLEGE PLANNING

Monday, January 15
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Think you can't afford to send your children to college? Join us for this informational program and learn the options that can place you in a winning position when it comes to financing your child's college education.



AROUND THE WORLD IN 60 MINUTES

Wednesday, January 24
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Hear the adventures of Bill Helmuth as he takes you through a slide presentation of 25 countries. Bill will explore architectural treasures, shrines, and religious rites and festivals that represent heritages of Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism and Ba'Hai.



APPETIZERS GALORE

Tuesday, February 13
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Pina's Culinary Experience is back by popular demand - if you loved her soup and bread program you're sure to enjoy this one! Are you tired of the same old appetizers at your parties? If so, take this class and learn to make hors d'oeuvres that will surely impress your guests.



ESTATE PLANNING

Monday, February 19
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Estate Planning is a complex project. It is not uncommon to find incomplete, inefficient planning from those who choose to "do-it-yourself". Find out the 10 most common mistakes made by those who create their own estate plan. Professionals will be on hand and will provide guidelines for selecting a qualified professional to assist with this project.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP NEWS

ADULT GROUP

The Adult Book Discussion Group continues to meet on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m., and the previous Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. Our selections for January and February are as follows:

Wednesday, January 17 (10:00 a.m.)
and Thursday, January 18 (7:30 p.m.)
A Simple Plan by Scott Smith

Wednesday, February 14 (10:00 a.m.)
and Thursday February 15 (7:30 p.m.)
The Golden Compass by Philip Pullman

HISTORICAL GROUP

The Historical Group meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. Our selections for January and February are as follows:

January 2
Shaman by Noah Gordon

February 6
James K. Polk by John Seigenthaler



FAMILY BOOK DISCUSSION

Join us on Thursday, January 25 at 7:00 p.m. as we discuss the Ridley Pearson/Dave Barry novel, *Peter and the Starcatchers*. This discussion is being held in conjunction with the author visit by Ridley Pearson. All ages are invited to participate in discussing this charming prequel to *Peter Pan*. This program is open to children and adults who enjoy fast-paced, swashbuckling adventure. A limited number of copies of the book are available at the Youth Services Desk. Register at the Reference Desk in the Youth Services Department or the Adult Services Department, or by calling 924-2730.

ADULT WINTER READING PROGRAM

February 5 - March 16



Adults and high school age teens are invited to participate in our winter reading program, **Get Between the Covers and Read**. Stop by the Reference Desk starting on February 5 to register. For each book read, you will be entered in the final drawing for prizes.

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

Holiday fun for Everyone!

WINTER CARNIVAL

Friday, December 8

6:30-9:00pm

Johnston Recreation Center



We've reinvented the holidays!

You and your family will love this awesome carnival,
featuring a ton of fun activities for all ages!

- ❄ Inflatable Amusements
- ❄ Mini Train Rides around our Famous Enchanted Forest
- ❄ Meet Santa's Helpers and Live Reindeer
- ❄ Take a Horse-Drawn Sleigh Ride through Circle Park
- ❄ Holiday Music by Route 66
- ❄ Juggling & Storytelling by Chris Fascione
- ❄ Holiday Entertainment on our Big Screen
- ❄ Cookie Decorating sponsored by SCORE Educational Center
- ❄ Face Painting & Candle Making \$3-\$7 fee

Event wristbands are now available at the Johnston Recreation Center front office for \$2.00 each for residents and \$4.00 each for non-residents.

❄ On December 8th, wristbands may be purchased at the door for \$5.00 each for residents and \$8.00 each for non-residents. All children 2 years and older must have a wristband. Adults are free.

And who could forget our special guest...



Santa Claus?



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www.bloomingtondaleparks.org

Adult



Hatha Yoga

The practice of Hatha Yoga elicits harmony in our lives. People of every religion, culture, and age group can practice and benefit from Hatha Yoga. Hatha is the yoga of physical postures. The gentle stretching movements of Hatha can make your life less stressful, bringing deep relaxation and greater flexibility to your body and mind. Treat yourself to an hour of rejuvenation through this ancient art. Mats are available, but it is recommended that you bring your own. Participants should bring a towel to each class. DROP IN RATE IS \$10 PER CLASS.

Instructor on Monday PM, Wednesday AM & PM, and Friday AM is Evelyn Walsh-Boyna. Instructor on Monday AM and Thursday PM is Beth McCown.

Location: Aerobics Studio

Instructor: Staff

MIN/MAX: 8/16

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	M	09:30-10:45A	01/29-03/05	\$50/60	203503-A1
Adult	M	07:15-08:30P	01/29-03/05	\$50/60	203503-A2
Adult	W	09:30-10:45A	01/31-03/07	\$50/60	203503-A5
Adult	W	07:15-08:30P	01/31-03/07	\$50/60	203503-A6
Adult	Th	08:00-09:15P	02/01-03/08	\$50/60	203503-A7
Adult	F	09:30-10:45A	02/02-03/09	\$50/60	203503-A8

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	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	M	01:00-02:00P	01/29-03/05	\$42/52	203507-A1
Adult	Th	09:00-10:00A	02/01-03/08	\$42/52	203507-B1

Hula Dancing

Aloha! The Hawaiian hula is fun and easy. In the hula, the hands tell the story while the hips and feet keep rhythm to the music. This class will teach basic hula moves and two authentic hula dances. No prior dance experience necessary. Youth class will participate in the spring dance recital, and costumes are included in the fee.

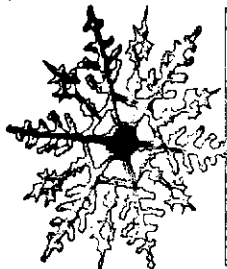
Location: Dance Studio

Instructor: Staff

MIN/MAX: 6/12

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
13+	W	07:15-08:00P	01/24-05/30*	\$141/181	208604-A2

*NO CLASS 03/28, 04/04



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.



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.

Location: Westfield Gym

Instructor: Top Fitness Staff

MIN/MAX: 5/20

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Beginner					
Adult	M	07:00-08:00P	01/15-03/05	\$80/110	203501-A1
Adult	W	07:00-08:00P	01/17-03/07	\$80/110	203501-A3
Advanced					
Adult	M	08:00-08:30P	01/15-03/05	\$40/50	203501-B1
Adult	W	08:00-08:30P	01/17-03/07	\$40/50	203501-B3

Adult Funk Fitness

Get a great work out while incorporating fun funky and jazzy moves into your fitness routine. Classes will focus on flexibility, strength, endurance and cardio fitness. Comfortable workout or dance clothing and jazz shoes are required.

Location: Aerobics Studio

Instructor: Staff

MIN/MAX: 6/12

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	F	07:25-08:10P	01/19-05/25*	\$145/185	208605-A1

*NO CLASS 03/30, 04/06

Adult Tap

Tap dancing is based on using both feet to create rhythm. Our beginning classes teach the basics of creating these rhythms. After learning the basics, students learn to incorporate their entire body into the movement and rhythm.

Location: Dance Studio

Instructor: Staff

MIN/MAX: 6/12

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
16+	Th	06:55-07:45P	01/25-05/31*	\$145/185	208404-A1

*NO CLASS 03/29, 04/05



Wilton Cake Decorating

Come discover how easy and fun cake decorating can be, under the instruction of Laura Vercillo, certified Wilton Cake Decorating Instructor. In Course I we'll begin with a demonstration of borders, stars, leaves, flowers, writing and of course, the Wilton Rose. The remaining three weeks will cover hands-on learning and techniques included in your Wilton Workbook (included with your class fee). Course II will explore more difficult techniques, color flow and royal icing. Course III includes tiered cakes, rolled fondant, icing embroidery, lily nail flowers and more! Course I is a pre-requisite for II and III. Already taken Course I and didn't continue? Now is your chance! Don't miss this opportunity to learn a great new skill!

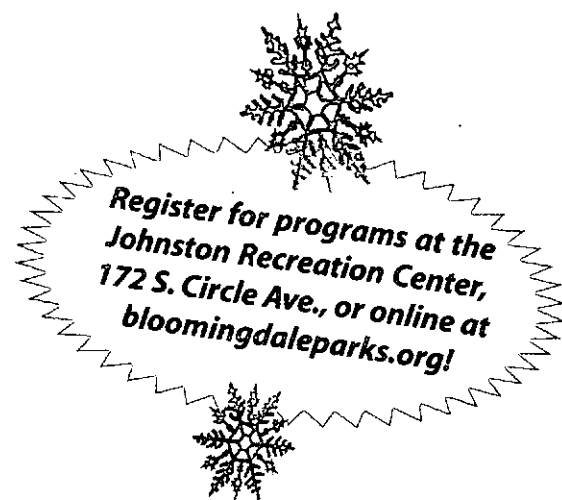
Location: JRC Kitchen

Instructor: Laura Vercillo

MIN/MAX: 6/12

Course I

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	Tu	07:00-09:00P	01/30-02/20	\$50/60	203612-A1



BLOOMINGDALE PARK DISTRICT MUSEUM



zoom!! Juried Photography Exhibit 2007

January 20-February 24

Reception: Friday, January 26, 6-8pm

Our annual prestigious juried show brings together the talents of outstanding photographers from all over the Midwest. Black and white, color and digital images will be judged and awarded cash prizes and ribbons. If you would like to enter your photography, please call the Museum at 630.539.3096 for a prospectus. (All work must be framed).

A workshop will be offered in conjunction with Photo Show. Please call for details 539.3096.


SENIOR DAY AT THE MUSEUM

Feb. 8: free admission and refreshments.
Details available at the BPD Museum or JRC!



108 South Bloomingdale 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




**Attention Adults 55 and better:
Movies on the Big Screen at BPD!**

Join us for a movie in our gymnasium monthly on our new inflatable big screen movie set-up! Popcorn, soda, and coffee will be available for you to enjoy.

Admission: \$1 per person
Showtime: Tuesdays at 1:30pm

NEW!

January 23:	Planes, Trains and Automobiles (comedy)
February 20:	Poseidon (2006-action/adventure)
March 20:	Field of Dreams (drama)
April 17:	Singin' In the Rain (comedy)
May 15:	North By Northwest (thriller)



The King and I

Come spend a lovely afternoon at the Drury Lane Oak Brook enjoying some of your favorite musical classics, "Getting to Know You," "Shall We Dance" and "I Have Dreamed." It's 1862 in Siam, and the King is looking to educate his children in the ways of the west. Anna Leonowens and her young son have been brought to the palace to help change the King's image. In this elegant setting cultures clash, sparks fly and before we know it, love is in the air. Upon registration please indicate your lunch choice of Chicken Breast Marsala or Fettuccini Alfredo with Sweet Peas. **Registration deadline is January 31, 2007.**

Location: JRC Parking Lot
Instructor: Staff



MIN/MAX: 3/11

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	W	10:45-04:30P	02/21-02/21	\$45/50	203219-A1

Magnificent Milwaukee

See the best of the past and the spectacular new during this tour to Milwaukee with About Tours! All will be amazed at the architecture, stained glass and murals as we visit the St. Josaphat Basilica, a 100 year-old national landmark. We will stop for lunch at a local Milwaukee favorite and then venture to the Milwaukee Art Museum where we will see the new 2001 addition designed by Santiago Calatrava. The stop includes a guided tour of the highlights of the permanent collection and time on your own to explore the cultural center of Milwaukee. Deluxe motor coach transportation and your lunch are included in your registration fee. **Registration deadline is January 9, 2007.** Please note: this trip picks up and drops off at Medinah Park District.

Location: Medinah Park Dist
Instructor: Staff



MIN/MAX: 10/15

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	W	08:00-06:00P	01/31-01/31	\$79/84	203226-A1

Register Online at
bloomingdale.org

Teen Trip

Chestnut Mountain All Nighter

Join us and teens from surrounding park districts at Chestnut Mountain for the night of your life. Slopes are open from 10:30pm-5:00am. Chestnut Mountain accommodates all types of skiers and snowboarders with 17 lighted downhill runs including 5 "easy," 9 "more difficult" and 3 "most difficult." Skis and snowboards are available for rent, and lessons will be ongoing from 11:00pm until 3:00am. Not only is there skiing and snowboarding, there is a campfire area, video game room, DJ dance room, and a snack bar. The bus will pick everyone up at the JRC. The fee includes bus, ski or snowboard rental, lessons, and a lift ticket. **Registration deadline is January 12, 2006.**

Location: Community Room
Instructor: Staff

MIN/MAX: 4/10

Grade	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Lift and Lesson only					
9-12	F,Sa	06:00-09:00A	02/02-02/03	\$47/52	202206-A1
Lift, Lesson & Ski Rental					
9-12	F,Sa	06:00-09:00A	02/02-02/03	\$62/67	202206-A2
Lift, Lesson & Snowboard Rental					
9-12	F,Sa	06:00-09:00A	02/02-02/03	\$62/67	202206-A3

Trip Exertion Level:



=low



=moderate



=high

For your convenience and planning purposes, the activity level required on a trip is noted next to its description.

1 shoe= Mostly sitting, minimal walking, and only occasionally on and off the bus.

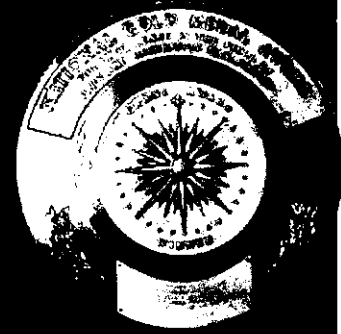
2 shoes= A moderate mixture of walking, sitting, and on and off the bus.

3 shoes= Expect a lot of walking, not a lot of sitting, and on and off the bus several times.

Gold Medal Celebration

Celebrate
with us...
FREE GAMES!
REFRESHMENTS
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This is a party for the entire family. Come on out and enjoy your award winning Park District.



Old Town Carriage Rides

December 20, 6:00-8:00pm

Old Town Park, 111 Third Street

Come enjoy a cozy horse-drawn carriage ride around Old Town Park! Old Town Park will be donned in its holiday best and The Bloomington Park District Museum will have refreshments available to help warm up those chilly hands while you visit our special holiday exhibit. This is a **FREE** event!

Friday Night Movie

Polar Express-December 22, 7:00-9:00pm

The Bloomington Park District is excited to offer Friday Night Movies for families and children of all ages. Parental supervision is required for children under the age of 6, but all parents are welcome and encouraged to stay and enjoy the movie with their children. Parents planning on staying must pay the admission fee. Children of all ages are welcome. Fee includes the movie, popcorn, and a drink. All movies are shown on our big screen in the JRC Gym!

Location: JRC Gym

MIN/MAX: 10/100

Age: 6-12

Day: Friday

Movie: Polar Express (G)

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Date: December 22

R/NR Fee: \$2/2

Code #: 104106-A1



Early Childhood & Youth Programs

Showbiz Kidz



Want to be a star? Well now you can. This class focuses on acting, singing, and dancing. It will build confidence, self-esteem and team playing as the students work together on improvisation, role playing, character development and mime. Basic stage direction, vocal expressions, movement, and spatial awareness will be addressed in this class.

Location: Goodwin-Sedgwick Rm.

Instructor: Dance Encounter

MIN/MAX: 5/10

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
5-10	Sa	09:00-10:00A	01/27-03/03	\$62/82	202633-A1



Showbiz Teens



This class will visit all areas of stage craft including acting, singing, and dance. Students will learn audition techniques, role playing, character development, mime and improvisation. They will also explore vocal projection and expression which are the key elements of dramatic and musical theatre.

Location: Goodwin-Sedgwick Rm.

Instructor: Dance Encounter

MIN/MAX: 5/10

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
11-14	Sa	10:00-11:00A	01/27-03/03	\$62/82	202634-A1

Pixie Chicks

The K students get an introduction to the world of Pixie Chicks cheerleading, poms and baton. After mastering the basics of all three sports, the Pixie Chicks will learn to Ready, Set, and Shout in mini routines. Come join the fun! The following class is in the Jr. Gym: A2.

Location: JRC Gym or Jr. Gym (see above)

Instructor: Lori Lighthall

MIN/MAX: 5/10

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
	Th	11:30-12:15P	02/01-03/22	\$36/46	201205-A1
	Th	01:30-02:15P	02/01-03/22	\$36/46	201205-A2

Gourmet

Hmm, what's cookin' in the kitchen? If you like to cook, or would like to learn, join us at the Jr. Gourmet. You will learn the basics of cooking while creating delicious snacks, entrees, and desserts you will love to eat. Students will sample their creations, so bring your appetite. Each participant will receive a cookbook with class recipes at the last class. Students can purchase a chef's apron for \$5 from the instructor.

Location: JRC Kitchen

Instructor: Katie Schuetz

MIN/MAX: 8/10

Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
W	06:00-07:15P	01/24-02/07	\$40/50	202604-A1

Sports Sampler



Not sure which program to register your child for? Here is an opportunity to try out a one-day class for free! Just register online or at the JRC front desk prior to the day of the class and your child will have a chance to give it a try. Whether you choose to participate, or just observe you will have the opportunity to see the program in action and meet the instructors. Parent must remain at the JRC during class time. Some classes require parent participation; please refer to each program description for specific requirements and additional information. Pre-registration is required.

Location: JRC MIN/MAX: 4/10

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Lil Kicks Soccer					
3-4	M	03:00-03:50P	01/08-01/08	\$0/0	201307-AA
Lil Kicks Soccer					
5-6	M	04:00-04:50P	01/08-01/08	\$0/0	201307-BB
T-ball					
3-4	M	05:00-05:50P	01/08-01/08	\$0/0	201307-CC
T-ball					
3-4	W	03:00-03:50P	01/10-01/10	\$0/0	201307-DD
Hoopsters					
7-8	W	04:00-04:50P	01/10-01/10	\$0/0	201307-EE
Hoopsters					
5-6	W	05:00-05:50P	01/10-01/10	\$0/0	201307-FF
Baby & Me					
3-12mos	F	12:30-01:00P	01/12-01/12	\$0/0	201307-GG
Pee Wee Tennis					
3-4	F	01:30-02:00P	01/12-01/12	\$0/0	201307-HH
Little Pros					
2-3	F	02:15-02:45P	01/12-01/12	\$0/0	201307-II
Wiggle Time					
12-17mos	M	09:15-10:00A	01/22-01/22	\$0/0	201307-JJ
Energy Express					
18-28mos	M	10:15-11:00A	01/22-01/22	\$0/0	201307-KK
Parent & Totnastics					
29-35mos	M	11:15-12:00P	01/22-01/22	\$0/0	201307-LL
Kindernastics					
5-6	Tu	09:00-10:00A	01/23-01/23	\$0/0	201307-MM
Little Flipsters					
4-4	Tu	10:15-11:00A	01/23-01/23	\$0/0	201307-NN
Tumbling Teddy's					
3-3	Tu	11:15-11:45A	01/23-01/23	\$0/0	201307-OO
Pixie Chicks					
3-4	Th	11:30-12:15P	01/25-01/25	\$0/0	201307-PP
Pixie Chicks					
3-4	Th	12:30-01:15P	01/25-01/25	\$0/0	201307-QQ

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



bloomingdaleparks.org



Basketball Camp

This camp is great for all young players who are interested in improving their skills. Throughout the camp, players will be given the opportunity to develop skills based upon ability and age. Participants will be split into groups by age on the first day of camp. Depending on enrollment there will be a tournament at the end of the week.

Location: Westfield Gym-149 Fairfield Way

Instructor: Staff

MIN/MAX: 10/50

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
8-14	M,Tu,W,Th,F	12:00-02:00P	12/21-12/29*	\$50/60	102832-A1

*NO CLASS 12/25, 12/26



Soccer Camp

This program is designed to work on soccer skills in a fun and exciting way. Dribbling, passing, and shooting will be covered through games and drills. This class is great for building confidence and self-esteem in your child's soccer ability. The main objective is to have fun!

Location: Westfield Gym-149 Fairfield Way

Instructor: Staff

MIN/MAX: 10/50

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
8-14	M,Tu,W,Th,F	02:30-04:30P	12/21-12/29*	\$50/60	102826-A1

*NO CLASS 12/25, 12/26



Holiday Gymnastics Camp

LOVE THE SPORT? The purpose of our camp is to expose the developmental gymnast to all facets of the sport in a positive/fun environment. Camp includes five formal class instructions (vault, bars, beam, and floor) with open gym.

Location: Gymnastic Center-JRC

Instructor: Gymnastics Staff

MIN/MAX: 7/20

Grade	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
1-8	W,Th,F	12:30-04:30P	12/20-12/22	\$55/75	102802-A1
1-8	W,Th,F	12:30-04:30P	12/27-12/29	\$55/75	102802-A2



Holiday All Girls Sports Camp

Attention... calling all girls! Interested in learning about baton, cheerleading, poms, and tumbling? Then this camp is for you! You will work on the basics in each of the four disciplines. So come and join us for this all girls' camp.

Attire: leotard & shorts or biker shorts & t-shirt.

Location: Jr. Gym-JRC

Instructor: Lori Lighthall

MIN/MAX: 5/17

Grade	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
1-6	W,Th,F	08:30-12:00P	12/20-12/22	\$45/55	102803-A1
1-6	W,Th,F	08:30-12:00P	12/27-12/29	\$45/55	102803-A2



Art Excellence Camp

Enjoy the fine arts as you rotate through various art media in this super art camp. Watercolor, pastels, class drawing, plus creative arts and crafts are some of the skills you'll practice. This camp is designed to be a fun, creative atmosphere to inspire all budding artists.

Location: Museum-108 S. Bloomingdale Rd.

Instructor: Staff

MIN/MAX: 7/15

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
7-13	M,Tu,W,Th,F	04:00-06:00P	12/18-12/22	\$70/90	102830-A1

Volleyball Camp

Want to brush up on your volleyball skills over winter break? Well, this is the perfect opportunity. Throughout this five-day camp boys and girls will work on various volleyball skills and techniques such as bumps, sets, spikes, and serve. The camp will also stress teamwork and the essentials to becoming a volleyball player. Optional equipment: knee and elbow pads.

Location: Westfield Gym-149 Fairfield Way

Instructor: Staff

MIN/MAX: 10/20

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
8-14	M,Tu,W,Th,F	09:30-11:30A	12/21-12/29*	\$50/60	102834-A1

*NO CLASS 12/25, 12/26

Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch is for those who are attending both Holiday Gymnastics Camp and Holiday All Girls Sports Camp who would like to stay around and have lunch between. Bring a sack lunch and enjoy lunch with the staff.

Location: Gymnastic Center-JRC

Instructor: Staff

MIN/MAX: 5/20

Grade	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
1-8	W,Th,F	12:00-12:30P	12/20-12/22	\$8/13	102805-A1
1-8	W,Th,F	12:00-12:30P	12/27-12/29	\$8/13	102805-A2

Reindeer Camp

Oh, the weather outside is frightful, but inside it's so delightful! Warm up and have some fun at Reindeer Camp this winter. Especially designed for our little campers, activities will include winter crafts, playtime, holiday stories, special projects, making yummy snacks, and more fun than you can ever imagine. Campers must be potty trained and bring a lunch and drink daily. Gym shoes and play clothes are recommended.

Location: Preschool B-JRC

Instructor: Staff

MIN/MAX: 6/20

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
2.5-5	W,Th,F	09:00-01:00P	12/20-12/22	\$50/60	102804-A1
2.5-5	W,Th,F	09:00-01:00P	12/27-12/29	\$50/60	102804-A2



Bloomingtondale Parks Foundation



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Bloomingtondale Parks Foundation...Get Involved

The Bloomingtondale Parks Foundation was established in 1994 as a not-for-profit organization. Its primary purpose is to develop alternate sources of funding and establish a long-term financial base for the Bloomingtondale Park District.

Foundation Accomplishments

- 1 Creation and management of a scholarship fund
- 1 Installation of the Donald E. Morris Interpretive Trail with 32 stations
- 1 Constructed boardwalk and observation deck at the wetlands
- 1 Organizes annual fundraisers including the Annual Recognition Dinner to honor community volunteers
- 1 Attained over \$200,000 in contributions
- 1 Organized Friends of Springfield Park
- 1 Winner of the DuPage Clean & Beautiful Award
- 1 Funded the construction of the Springfield Park outdoor basketball courts
- 1 Funded the construction of the picnic pavilion at Springfield Park
- 1 Hosts the annual Make A Difference Day activities.



Bloomingtondale Parks Foundation Upcoming Events



Coins for Community

Nov. 10 - Dec. 5, 2006

Proceeds donated to Bloomingtondale Police Department Shop with a Cop program

Wine Tasting

Bloomingtondale Park District Museum
February 2007

Annual Golf Outing

May 14, 2007

Make A Difference Day

October 2007

12th Annual Recognition Dinner

November 9, 2007

For more information about these events or to become involved, please call Anita (630) 529-3650, visit bloomingtondaleparks.org or see the Park District seasonal brochure.



11th Annual Recognition Dinner Honorees Named

On November 10th, the Bloomingtondale Parks Foundation and Chamber of Commerce came together to celebrate in the name of volunteer recognition. Indian Lakes Resort provided a festive backdrop to the evening which honored community members who've shared their time and expertise to our young athletes and within the community. Congratulations to this year's honorees:

Chamber of Commerce Heritage Award Recipient:

• Gary J. Schira



Volunteers of the Year Award Recipients:

Jamie Alfano-Bloomingtondale Barracudas
Andre Burke-Youth Basketball Association
Donna Czesak-Bloomingtondale Soccer Organization
Nikki Paoletta-Bloomingtondale Athletic Club
(Youth Football and Cheerleading)

• Mark Redini-Bloomingtondale Baseball and Softball Association
• Kevin Reid-Bloomingtondale Athletic Club
(Youth Football and Cheerleading)
• Marybeth Rhebergen-Bloomingtondale Soccer Organization
• Brian & Grace Shaw-Bloomingtondale Park District Gymnastics



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