

Village of Bloomingdale Almanac

Growth with Pride

Septemberfest
is almost
here!

See page 11
to check out
the great line-
up for 2007!!

AUGUST 2007

From the Desk of Mayor Bob Iden

Due to a substantial increase in housing construction since the 2000 census, the Village of Bloomingdale has authorized the United State Bureau of the Census to conduct a Special Census in our community starting in October 2007. The Special Census is important to all residents of Bloomingdale because it will increase reimbursed funds from the State of Illinois based on the number of people who reside in our Village.

Special Census workers will visit all residents residing in areas of our community constructed since the 2000 census, specifically: Alden Horizon, Bloomingdale Walk (Town homes), Casa Bella Estates, Dartmoor, East Gate, Los Lagos, Medinah Groves, Medinah Meadows, Lori Court, Rosedale Estates, Seven Oaks Estates, Sunrise Assisted Living, Villas of Thornfield, and Villa Veneto. Your cooperation with the Special Census is greatly appreciated and necessary for a fair and accurate count of Bloomingdale residents.

Special Census workers will be wearing red, white and blue badges and are required to contact all residents in the survey area personally and by telephone. They will work in the evenings and on Saturdays. The Special Census questions are briefer than the regular census, and should only take a few minutes to answer. Questions regarding name, sex, race, age and marital status will be asked of each member of your household. All information obtained will only be used for the purpose of the Special Census. Furthermore, all information is absolutely confidential under the United State Code, Title 13. No other government agency, IRS, BFI, CIS, Welfare, Immigration or our local government, can obtain your individual responses. Moreover, the information cannot and will not be used for any municipal code enforcement.

We also still need Special Census workers. It's a great way to help our community and make a few extra dollars. See the notice on page 3 for more information. Any questions concerning the Special Census should be directed to Assistant Administrator Barb Weber at (630) 671-5613.

Before I go on to other news, let me extend a hearty congratulations to Dennis Szafran, our Public works Superintendent, on his retirement after 23 1/2 years with the Village of Bloomingdale. Denny's enthusiasm for life and his dedication to special events in the village will be missed. I wish him lots of enjoyable hours golfing and fishing.

As you are probably aware, Indian Lakes Resort is about to become the Hilton Bloomingdale Indian Lakes Resort. Both the Village and resort owners believe this name recognition will boost stature for the resort and generate increased business volume.

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The lobby of the Century Stratford Square Theatre. See more information on page 8.

VILLAGE BOARD, COMMISSION & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The public is encouraged to attend all Board and Commission meetings

REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE VILLAGE BOARD

2nd and 4th Monday of every month
7:30 p.m. -- Village Hall

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

PLAN COMMISSION

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

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Six times a year or as needed

BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS

3rd Wednesday of every month
5:00 p.m. -- Village Hall

POLICE PENSION BOARD

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

FAMILY FEST COMMISSION

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

SEPTEMBERFEST COMMISSION

2nd & 4th Thursday of the month
March-December
7:00 p.m. - Village Hall

BUSINESS PROMOTION & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1st Friday of the month
10:00 a.m. - Village Hall

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2nd Wednesday of every month
7:30 p.m. -- Library

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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

BLOOMINGDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Robert G. Iden

Village President

Susan L. Bartucci

Village Clerk

TRUSTEES

James M. Gebis

*Planning, Zoning
& Environmental Concerns*

Robert Czernek

Traffic and Street Infrastructure

John Dabrowski

Police and Community Relations

Judi Von Huben

*Intergovernmental Relations and
Emergency Planning*

Bill Bolen

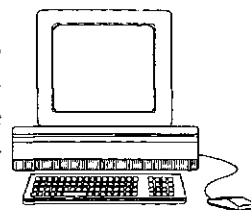
*Finance, Personnel and
Administration*

Jim King

Facilities and Golf Course

We'd like to hear from you:
Please note our website
address --

If you're "surfing the net" and have a question to ask or an issue to bring to our attention, just E-mail it to us. If you wish to send us an electronic message, our address is:



VILLAGE.BLOOMINGDALE@world-net.att.net

Our website address is:

www.vil.bloomingtondale.il.us

The deadline for
the October issue
of the
Almanac is
SEPTEMBER 10

Miss Illinois Contestants Met the Mayor!



Mayor Iden met and had lunch with the 2007 Miss Illinois contestants prior to their appearance at Stratford Square Mall in June. He's standing next to Heidi Ekstrom, Miss Illinois 2006. Looks like being Mayor isn't always a tough job!

Mayor's Column (continued from page 1)

As a result of the facility improvements taking place at Indian Lakes, the resort will require less golf course property. To that end, the Village plans to purchase the southernmost 35 acres of the existing golf course and preserve it for a passive public open space use. Plans are moving ahead for this purchase and should be finalized in October, 2007.

In other exciting news at the Stratford Square Shopping Center, the new theater opened last month. See pictures and details elsewhere in this issue. Also check out the plans for our 35th annual Septemberfest celebration on page 11.

It's a busy summer in Bloomingdale Have fun. Stay cool.

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Iden

Fall Branch Collection Begins on October 15; Special Pickups Following Severe Storms

If you missed the summer branch collection, don't despair. Our fall branch collection will begin on Monday, October 15. Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. will once again perform branch collection under the direction of the Village Forestry Division. The program is only available to single family detached residences. Townhome residents should contact their association.

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

Calling All Businesses!

Ever wish you could market one of your special promotions to all of Bloomingdale at no extra cost to yourself? Well, Bloomingdale's Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee has an idea for you. The group is crafting a community-wide program to allow businesses to offer a special promotion or discount to all Bloomingdale residents through the use of a "B" (as in Bloomingdale) Card. This special B-Card promotion will be available to residents for a limited time, from March 7 through March 16, 2008 in celebration of the 175th anniversary of the founding of Bloomingdale, which is March 11, 2008.

All the business needs to do is decide what promotion, (i.e. 20 percent off, Buy one, get one free, \$5 off a \$25 dollar purchase, etc.) it wants to do. The committee will create and disseminate the card through the Almanac and selected locations, as well as create a small placard for your business window to let customers know you are a participating business. If you are interested, call Mary Ellen at the Village Hall, 671-5600 to get your name on the list.

The 10-day promotion will be advertised through the Almanac, on the Village's new and improved website, (debuting this month) and through other local media. In February, 2008, a list of participating businesses and their corresponding promotions will be published.

Earn Extra \$\$\$\$ As a Census Taker For Bloomingdale

BLOOMINGDALE NEEDS SPECIAL CENSUS WORKERS IN OCTOBER

The Village of Bloomingdale has asked the U.S. Census Bureau to conduct a Special Census of areas developed in our community since the last 2000 Census. The U.S. Census Bureau will hire census workers for a period of 20 to 25 days; beginning approximately October 2007. Rate of pay is \$14.50 per hour, plus reimbursable mileage, and paid training

Prospective applicants must be:

- ☐ 18 years old (restricted hiring of 16-17 year olds).
- ☐ Able to work several hours per day (min. 20 hrs per week).
- ☐ Available for day, evening and weekend work, as needed.
- ☐ Available to attend a three day paid training session.
- ☐ Have a valid driver's license, and access to a working automobile.
- ☐ Physically able to do considerable walking and climbing of stairs.
- ☐ Able to write legibly; take directions, and understand instructions.

Applications available:
Village of Bloomingdale
Monday-Friday 201 S.
Bloomingdale Rd.
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Bloomingdale, IL. 60108

Questions?
Contact: Barbara Weber
Asst. Village Administrator
(630) 671-5613.

The U.S. Census Bureau is an Equal
Opportunity Employer

Summer Concert Series Continues in August

The annual Summer Concert Series will continue through the month of August. Concerts take place in Old Town Park and all begin at 7 p.m. The park is located at 111 Third Street, in the heart of Old Town. Concessions will be available.

For more information call 529-3650 or check the website at bloomingtonparks.org

August 7
NO CONCERT

August 14
American English
(Beatles Tribute)

August 21
Grand Avenue Big
Band
(Big Band)

August 28
The Renditions
(50-60's)

Summer Concerts are sponsored by
the Bloomington Park District
and the
Village of Bloomington.



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671-5600

Emerald Ash Borer is Here in DuPage County

Ash trees in Illinois are being invaded by a destructive pest, the **Emerald Ash Borer**. It can hitchhike on traveling firewood unbeknownst to the carrier. One way you can help is by not moving firewood - buy it at your destination.

In mid-July an emerald ash borer infestation was discovered in several trees in neighboring Glendale Heights near the intersection of North Avenue and Bloomingdale Road. A Department of Agriculture nursery inspector discovered the presence of the insect while examining distressed ash trees.

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is a major cause of ash tree mortality and decline. No bigger than a penny, this green menace has wreaked havoc on millions of ash trees in the Midwest and if not controlled could potentially wipe out the ash tree species in North America.

The adult beetles nibble on ash foliage but cause little damage. The larvae (the immature stage) feed on the inner bark of ash trees, disrupting the tree's ability to transport water and nutrients. The Emerald ash borer probably arrived in the United States on solid wood packing material carried in cargo ships or airplanes originating in its native Asia

EAB Facts:

- It attacks only ash trees
- Adult beetles are metallic green and about 1/2 inch long
- Adults leave a D-shaped exit hole in the bark when they emerge in the spring of the year
- Woodpeckers like EAB larvae; heavy woodpecker damage on ash trees may be a sign of infestation

Earlier this year the Department of Agriculture spot-checked ash trees in Bloomington. Also, when the Village takes down an ash tree because of disease or damage, the bark is stripped and the trunk is examined for signs of the EAB



The damage done by EAB is only evident inside the tree behind the bark.



The adult EAB is very small. See the size in relation to a penny.

damage. To date, we have not had any evidence of the small green bug's presence. As the pest is now in a neighboring town, we must continue to be vigilant. The Department of Agriculture may also be returning to this area. We advise that residents should be watchful of their ash trees, as well. Direct observation of the EAB is difficult, however if your ash trees start to look sickly or as if they might be dying off in spots, please call the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800 so someone can come out to look at it

For additional information, visit www.agr.state.il.us/eab/

WELCOME
Bloomingtondale is a
CRIME WATCH
community



We immediately report
all suspicious activities
to our Police Department

OUR SUCCESS IS MEASURED BY THE SCOPE OF YOUR INVOLVEMENT

Sincerely,

Tim Goergen,
Chief of Police

Dawn Odoi,
Community Relations
Officer

529-9868

Con and Scam Alert Update

Scam and Con Artists work all year long to hone their skills and ruses to separate people from their money. These unscrupulous individuals devise schemes that appear to be legitimate and play on the possibility that someone will take the "bait" for a "get rich quick" opportunity of a lifetime or be a sympathetic soul for a person in need. Senior citizens are not the only targets; everyone is susceptible to something that sounds too good to be true or trying to be a Good Samaritan. The Bloomingtondale Police Department has been notified of the following deceptive acts taking place locally:

- Jail inmates are performing a **phone scam**, in which individuals randomly call telephone numbers from a payphone in jail. When someone answers the phone, the inmate tells the person that someone they know is injured and that they (the inmate) were asked to call the emergency contact person. The inmate then asks the person to dial *72 to get more information about the injured individual. By dialing *72, it gives the inmate the ability to have control over your phone by calling any number and having it billed to your phone account. One of our police officers experienced such a call at his residence, in which the Caller Identification Device showed "Prison" plus the 773 phone number.
- The letter scam, in most cases referred to as the Nigerian letter, requests help to get money into the country via your bank account. The requestor will ask for your personal information, including a financial account number and possibly your social security number to complete a transfer of funds into your account and for your assistance, you will receive a portion of the money transferred into the country. Some con artists will offer to send a helpful courier to expedite the process. Please note that it does not only come in letter form, but the con artists have utilized the Internet and sent it as an e-mail.
- Along the same lines, either by letter or by e-mail, the Award Winning Notification scam is going strong. Recently, an individual was sent a letter with a realistic-looking check that congratulates them as one of the winners of the North American Utilities draw. The winners were selected through a computer ballot system, drawn from 149,000 telephone numbers and utilities bills of individuals who sign up for the services. The letter / e-mail notifies the individual that the lump sum pay out of \$48,500.00 can be issued once they receive the \$2,980.00 to cover the charges/fees associated to the Lotto Regulatory Board. A phone number is provided to coordinate the collection of your winnings and they ask for confidentiality until your prize money is received to avoid multiple claims. Again, the check may look legitimate so that you won't want to pass up the winning opportunity.
- Lastly, the Seal Coat (Roof Repair, or any other household repair) scam has never gone out of style. The repair people (at least two individuals involved) will note that some home repair is needed on your residence and they will quote a price for the work. A down payment for equipment or the full amount is needed before the repair can begin and many times the repair crew will gain access into the home to perform a theft or will complete a sub par repair on the home. The so-called repair workers will show great concern for the situation and convince you that the repair is needed immediately before further damage occurs.

Don't Let Yourself be Scammed!

The Bloomingtondale Police Department wants all citizens to be aware of home repair fraud, phone scams, mail fraud, and Internet scams and to practice the following safety tips.

- Keep doors and windows locked at all times.
- Never open the doors to strangers. Ask service people for identification and call the company for further verification. ANY suspicious people or activity – contact the local police department immediately.
- Check with family, friends, the Village Building Department/ Police Department for validity of a business and/or repair activity within the Village limits.
- Don't give personal or financial information over the phone. Do not dial unfamiliar code numbers on the phone.
- Hang up on nuisance callers and report them.
- Consult with trusted individuals regarding any business / financial affairs.

In order to reduce victimization, please be alert and aware of your surroundings, utilize good safety practices, and keep in contact with your neighbors and your local police department. Being "the eyes and ears of the community" will help reduce victimization for you and others.

If you have any questions, concerns, or are looking for more information about Crime Prevention material, please contact Officer Dawn Odoi of the Bloomingtondale Police Department at (630) 529-9868.

BE KIND TO YOUR TREES & SHRUBS:

Watering Tips from the University of Illinois Extension Office & The Morton Arboretum

Trees and shrubs require just as much care as vegetable and flower gardens, according to the University of Illinois Extension Office. Watering is a common practice associated with all plants.

Contrary to popular belief, most roots are not located beneath the tree or shrub and few roots are found deep in the soil. Most tree or shrub roots that absorb water, called feeder roots, are within the top 15 inches of soil. If the soil is heavily compacted clay, roots may be even closer to the surface. These roots are generally congregated at the dripline, or outer branches, of the plant. Since the tree's branches act like an umbrella, it only makes sense that roots are past the dripline. Mature plants may have feeder roots extending 6 to 50 feet past the dripline.

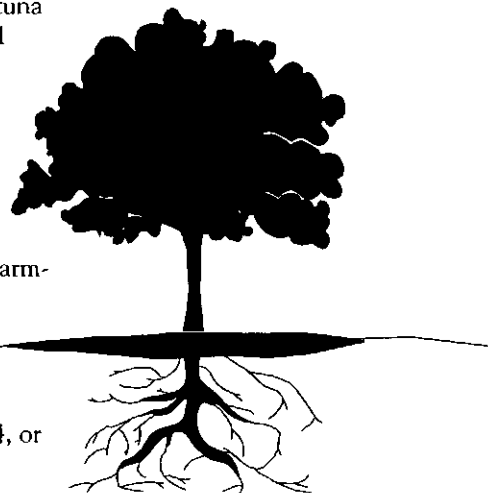


Feeder roots aren't large. Most are finer than a strand of hair. They are easily severed when digging or can dry out during droughts. Yet, they are easily replaced during the winter.

Watering should occur when less than an inch of rain has fallen in a two-week period and temperatures have passed 85° F. For practical purposes, plan on providing an inch or two of water every two weeks. In order to saturate the soil, apply the amount in a single application. Several light applications totaling an inch or two over a two-week period tends to force roots to the surface in search of water.

Here are additional watering tips from The Morton Arboretum:

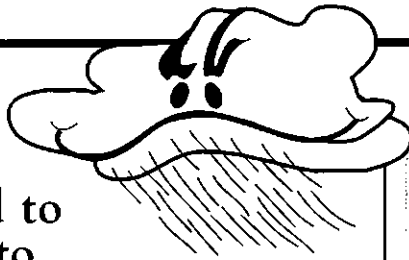
- Let the top few inches of soil dry out between waterings to avoid saturation and to allow roots and soil organisms to breathe.
- Use soaker hoses and drip irrigation -- effective watering tools because they discharge even streams of slow, trickling water directly to the root zone beneath trees and shrubs. When combined with a 3 or 4-inch layer of organic mulch, plants can use nearly all of the water that's provided with little evaporation loss.
- Another effective means of watering a small tree is letting a hose run slowly at its base until the ground is moist. For large trees, let the hose run at various points around the tree's drip line - the imaginary line on the ground that encircles a tree's extended branches.
- Water shrubs at the plant base and under the spread of branches until soil is moistened to a depth of 6 to 8 inches.
- When using a sprinkler system, place a container (an inch-thick can, such as a tuna fish or cat food can, works well) nearby to measure when you have distributed 1 inch of water to the soil.
- Plants vary in their ability to tolerate water stress. Prioritize watering, caring for newly transplanted trees and shrubs first, then those that have been in the ground from 2 to 5 years and have under-developed root systems. Next, water "specimen" trees or important trees, then all other plants.
- Water strategically. Plants absorb more water in the early morning, before the warming sun can cause evaporation.
- Avoid using fertilizer during drought conditions. Fertilizer salts can cause root injury when soil moisture is limited.



For more information, call The Morton Arboretum's Plant Clinic at 630-719-2424, or visit the University of Illinois Extension web site at

<http://www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/news/news.cfm?NewsID=6983>

Village's Severe Weather Siren System Designed to Alert Residents to Dangerous Winds & Tornadoes

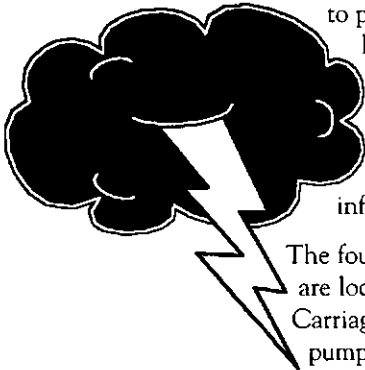


During severe weather residents will sometimes hear a warning siren. Information for activation of this warning system comes from the National Weather Service, State or Federal Agencies, local Public Officials and /or first hand observation. Most often, it comes from the National Weather Service's current information regarding storm conditions.

The Weather Emergency Alert system is activated when any of the following conditions are present:

- The Village of Bloomingdale is in the path of an approaching tornado
- Conditions of an approaching storm exist for the development of a tornado
- A tornado sighting within the Village of Bloomingdale or nearby communities is confirmed.
- It has been confirmed that "damaging force" winds will be impacting the Village of Bloomingdale
- The National Weather Service has issued a Severe Storm/ High Wind Warning indicating damaging force winds.

There is no differentiation in the sound of the warning siren for a tornado or damaging winds. The siren is a steady tone which rings for three minutes and warns us of any of these weather concerns. No matter which weather reason causes the activation of the warning siren, residents are encouraged to proceed to an interior room on the lowest level of their home or business. They should then monitor local television, radio, weather alert radio or current weather data for the most up-to-date information.



The four weather sirens in Bloomingdale are located: off Glen Ellyn Road and Carriage Way by the Village's Eastside pump station; in Old Town near the rear of the old Village Hall; at

Stratford Park; and at Gary and Lawrence. The weather sirens are tested the 1st Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am.

The Village also has lightening detectors located on park district land and at Bloomingdale Golf Club. These detectors are made to alert people within the vicinity of these properties of the danger of lightening. The sound made by these detectors is not meant to carry far as they are for a designated area.

National Night Out August 7th at the Oasis!

The Bloomingdale Park District and the Bloomingdale Police Department are proud to sponsor the 24th Annual National Night Out Against Crime. Festivities begin at 6:00pm until 9:00pm. Open swim, food and beverage, as well as games, prizes, music and lots of fun are on the menu for the evening.

This evening is designed to generate further support and participation in the local anti-crime efforts through the Neighborhood Watch Program and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnership nationwide.

Any questions, contact Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868. Please consider joining us for this free, fun, family event and help us to "Take A Bite Out of Crime!"



THE BLOOMINGDALE

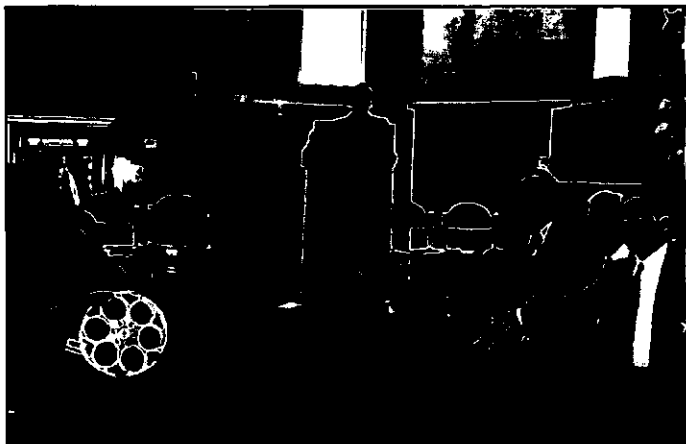
BUSINESS BEAT

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

CENTURY STRATFORD SQUARE THEATRE NOW OPEN: The long-awaited Century Stratford Square Theatre opened to much fanfare last month. Mayor Bob Iden joined Larry Feldman, CEO Feldman Mall Properties and Century Theatre officials in cutting a reel of 35 mm film to officially open the theatre. The 16-screen theatre features wall-to-wall screens, all digital sound and stadium seating with high-back rocking chairs. For movie listings and show times at the new Century Theatre at Stratford Square, visit www.cinemark.com or call 1-800 FANDANGO (1-800-326-3264) Express Code 994#.



Starck Realtors, pictured from bottom to top – Manager Nancy Thunberg, Joan Vertnik, Jim Marzullo, Administrative Assistant Pat Layton, Linda Derrico, John Vertnik, Sue Peluso, Marie Luparello, Pat Ladeur, John Ladeur and First Freedom Loan Officer Mark Gunderson. Not pictured: Karen Angel, Karen Meyer and Frank Zappa.

CONGRATULATIONS, SIGN*A*RAMA!

Jacki Unger celebrates Sign*A*Rama's 15th year of successful business this month. The store is located at 369 W. Army Trail Road. Jacki and her daughter, Heli, can help you with any signage or promotional needs. In honor of the anniversary, customers will receive a free gift with purchase during the month of August.



Jacki and Heli celebrating 15 years of service in Bloomington

STARCK REALTORS ARE #1! Congratulations to Starck Realtors' Bloomington office, which has been named #1 in the company for the sixth consecutive year. The top producers in the office celebrated at the recent annual Awards Dinner of Excellence as they received awards individually and as a team. The majority of these outstanding realtors are experienced agents who live in Bloomington.

Starck has provided full service and real estate expertise since 1960. They boast exposure in multiple listing services, as well as prominent exposure on over 600 internet sites. The Bloomington office has been located at 181 S. Bloomington Road, next to the Bloomington Village Hall since 1980.

Second Human West Nile Virus Case Identified in Illinois

The Illinois Department of Public Health has confirmed through laboratory tests the second human West Nile virus case in Illinois for 2007. The Cook County woman is in her 50s and became ill in the latter part of June. The first human case was reported in DuPage County on June 15. Positive mosquito samples reported this year include DuPage County on May 8, Tazewell County on May 17 and Cook County on May 24.

In 2006 a total of 215 human cases of West Nile disease, including 10 deaths, were reported in Illinois.

Surveillance for West Nile virus in Illinois began May 1st and includes laboratory tests on mosquitoes, dead crows, blue jays, robins and other perching birds as well as the testing of sick horses and humans with West Nile-like disease symptoms. Residents who observe a sick or dying crow, blue jay, robin or other perching bird should contact the DuPage County Health Department at 630-682-7979, or Bloomingdale Public Works at 630-671-5800.

West Nile virus is transmitted through the bite of a mosquito that has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird. Most people with the virus have no clinical symptoms of illness, but some may become ill three to 14 days after the bite of an infected mosquito.

Only about two persons out of 10 who are bitten by an infected mosquito will experience any illness. Illness from West Nile is usually mild and includes fever, headache and body aches, but serious illness, such as encephalitis and meningitis, and death are possible. Persons older than 50 years of age have the highest risk of severe disease.

The best way to prevent West Nile disease or any other mosquito-borne illness is to reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home and to take personal precautions to avoid mosquito bites. Precautions include:

Avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are most active, especially between dusk and dawn. Use prevention methods whenever mosquitoes are present.

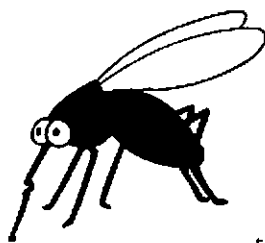
When outdoors, wear shoes and socks, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt, and apply insect repellent that includes DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus according to label instructions. Consult a physician before using repellents on infants.

Make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or other openings. Try to keep doors and windows shut, especially at night.

Eliminate all sources of standing water that can support mosquito breeding, including flowerpots, clogged roof gutters, old tires and any other receptacles. Change water in bird baths weekly. Properly maintain wading pools and stock ornamental ponds with fish. Cover rain barrels with 16 mesh wire screen.

Contact Clarke Mosquito Hotline at 800-942-2555 to report areas of stagnant water in roadside ditches, flooded yards and similar locations that may produce mosquitoes.

For additional information about West Nile, visit www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/wnv.htm, or call the West Nile Virus Hotline at 866-369-9710.



Bloomingdale Honored At DARE Conference

Both the Village of Bloomingdale and Community Relations Officer Dawn Odoi were honored at the DARE conference held in Springfield this June. Both were recognized for actively supporting and promoting DARE in our community, and for the support for the annual conference to keep the program alive. Last year's conference was held in Bloomingdale and Officer Odoi has been an active participant in planning the annual event.



Accepting the awards were Police Chief Tim Goergen, Officer Dawn Odoi, Sergeant Jackie Slater and Deputy Chief Frank Giammarese

Historically Speaking

The Bloomingdale Historical Society is planning to work with Arcadia Publishing to publish a book on Bloomingdale. Arcadia books are known for their historical perspectives of towns, areas and groups which are told through pictures and captions. The Bloomingdale book will cover the time period from 1832 (the year before the founding of Bloomingdale) through 1983, the year of the Sesquicentennial anniversary of Bloomingdale.

We are looking for pictures of people and places. While the History Room in the Bloomingdale Public Library has a large collection of photos which have been digitized, the Historical Society hopes longtime residents might also have old photos in boxes, closets or maybe on their mantles which could be included in the publication.

You must be able to tell us who the people are, and if possible, when and where they were a part of Bloomingdale. Although places would probably not be recognizable today, we are really looking for photos of what Bloomingdale, the homes, the farms, the landmarks looked like in years past. There would be no remuneration for photos included, but your photo could be part of an official documentation of the history of a 175-year old community. All photos would be returned.

The Bloomingdale Historical Society plans to have the publication ready for release for March 11, 2008, the 175th anniversary of Founders Day, the day the Meacham Brothers are said to have claimed this area. The books will be very affordable and available in selected locations through town.

Please help the Historical Society with this community-wide project. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Johnson at 671-5600 or Bonnie Homola at 582-8101.

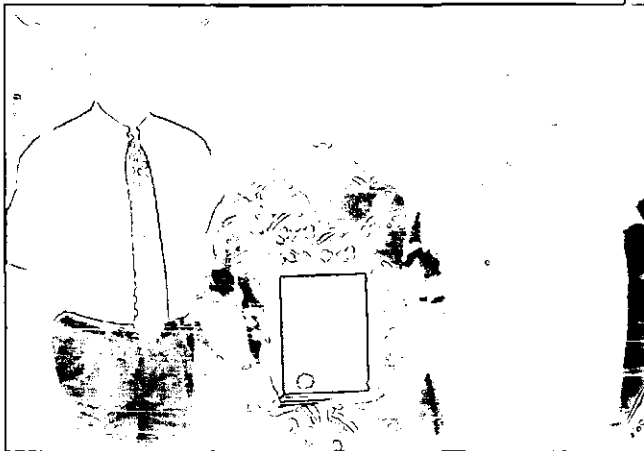
Best Wishes, Dennis!

The Village said good-by to another longtime employee this summer when Dennis J. Szafran, Public Works Superintendent since January 30, 1984, retired. Dennis has led the Public Works Division through expansions of public works facilities and infrastructure, as well as through changes needed to meet the diversified requirements of our growing community.

He distinguished himself as a public works industry professional and has represented his professional peers in a variety of capacities in several professional organizations.

Residents may have seen Dennis over the years at the Family Fest celebration where he has served as Public Works Liaison to the Family Fest Commission since its inception. He has also tirelessly served the Bloomingdale Public Library and volunteered his time to the Friends of the Library for a number of their annual events.

We will miss Dennis and his never-ending enthusiasm. He is truly one of those employees who gave above and beyond. Our best wishes to Dennis as he starts a new chapter in his life.



(top photo:) Dennis as the chef on the library's Polar Express outing

(left photo:) Dennis flanked by Mayor Iden (l) and Village Administrator Dan Wennerholm. Our newest retiree was presented with a proclamation in honor of his career here.

Septemberfest 2007 --35 Years of Celebrating with Family and Friends!

By M.J. Frumkin

Bloomington prides itself on being a community where you can experience a small-town atmosphere in booming DuPage County. With that in mind, we present the 35th annual Septemberfest celebration, a day of fun and entertainment planned for you, your family and friends. Come join us on Saturday, September 8, 2007 in Bloomington Old Town (Lake and Third Streets).

Festivities will start with the greater Septemberfest Parade, leading off at 11:00 a.m. from DuJardin School on Euclid. The parade then heads north on Euclid to Schick Road, and marches west on Schick Road into Old Town. This year, there will be assorted floats, bands, and special appearances by the Jessie White Tumblers, The Little People, The Hawaiian Dancers, and West Suburban Shrine Club's Roaring '57.

We are looking for more applicants for the parade. For information to participate contact Gloria Tomaras at 630-980-8176.

When the parade concludes in Old Town, you will be greeted by a day filled with assorted entertainers like Frank Birdsall "Trick Bike Performer" at 1:00 p.m., and live musical bands on stage including, "The Sting Rays" at 3:00 p.m., and "The New Invaders" presenting the Ultimate 60's Flashback at 7:00 p.m. Other attractions scheduled are the Center Stage Dance troupe (1:30 p.m.), Park District Gymnastic Teams & Drill Team (2:00 p.m.), and Chamber of Commerce Pie Eating Contest (2:30 p.m.).

Speaking of food, there will be plenty of tasty treats for any appetite and refreshments to cool you down.

Septemberfest also features creative arts and crafts for sale. A few booth spaces are still available; call Carol at 630-671-5720 for information.

The Motorcycle Show is scheduled from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. We already have some beautiful bikes lined up for you to view. If you are interested in showing your motorcycle, please call Mark at 630-688-8428 for details.

This year the Classic Car Show is back, which runs from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. If you have a unique car that you would like to show off, contact Marilyn Zaccardi at 630-893-0956.

The Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Memorial Scholarship Contest winners will be announced at 5:00 p.m. This scholarship fund has given thousands of dollars to young adults in our community. Thanks to all that have given so far. If you would like to help, please consider becoming a "Friend of Septemberfest." Your name will be listed on signs posted throughout the fest as a donor and your charitable contribution will help young men and women toward a better future. A form to donate is located to the right.

Be sure to designate 'Saturday the 8th' on your calendar and make plans to be a part of Septemberfest 2007. It promises to be a most enjoyable time for everyone. If you need further information you can call the Septemberfest Hotline at 630-671-5680.

Support the 35th Anniversary Celebration

Be a Friend of Septemberfest!

The Septemberfest Commission encourages Bloomington residents and businesses to support the Joe Draghi Scholarship Fund which provides the scholarship awards to Bloomington residents between the ages of 16 and 20.

To become a friend, fill out the form below and mail to the Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomington Road.

Name (as you wish it to be listed)

Address _____

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I am enclosing a check for
☐ \$20 ☐ \$50 ☐ other

Mail your check or money order made payable to Septemberfest 2007 to: Friends of Septemberfest, c/o Village of Bloomington, 201 S. Bloomington Road, Bloomington, IL 60108.



EVENTS

Outback Steakhouse Hosts Luncheon for WDSRA

G'day mates! Join Western DuPage Special Recreation Association for a special luncheon at the Outback Steakhouse (166 S. Gary Ave., Bloomingdale) on Friday, September 21 at 11:00am. Outback will be dishing up their outstanding tucker

(that's Aussie for food) to benefit the WDSRA.

Tickets for this fabulous luncheon are \$25. Outback is donating the entire luncheon and all proceeds from ticket sales will help support the recreational programs

that WDSRA provides for individuals with special needs. WDSRA serves nine communities including Bloomingdale. So join us for a bonzer (that's Aussie for great) lunch in support of WDSRA! Tickets are available by calling 630.681.0962.



School District 108 Superintendent Dr. John Butts serves up a plate of Aussie cheese fries to a hungry patron at the Outback Steakhouse in Bloomingdale. Dr. Butts was in 'training' as a guest server for the WDSRA Luncheon sponsored by Outback Steakhouse.

'From Sea to Shining Sea' at Park District Museum



ings, watercolors and photographs! You can stop by just to view the art or perhaps fall in love with a special selection to purchase! If you have any questions, please call the museum at 630-539-3096.

Garden Club Hosting Fall Flower Arranging Workshop

Fall Flower Arranging Workshop by Marlene Ashby, Instructor at the College of DuPage September 19, 6:30-8:45 p.m. at Bloomingdale Fire Protection Headquarters, 179 S. Bloomingdale Road. Contact Helen Price, 630-980-6585, for more information.

Join the Fun at 'Roy's Famous Friday Night Fish Fry' on August 10

The 9th annual "Roy's Famous Friday Night Fish Fry," sponsored by the Historical Society, the Village and the Library takes place on Friday, August 10 under the tent at Founders Park at Bloomingdale Road and Fairfield Way.

Experience the re-creation of what was once a popular social event in Bloomingdale.

In addition to dinner, dance the night away under the stars to the sounds of the big band era with the Grand Avenue Band.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, children 4-12 \$6 each until August 9 and are available at the Bloomingdale Library,

101 Fairfield Way.

August 10, tickets are \$18 and \$7, respectively.

Also visit the special train exhibit in the local history room in the library.



The Memorial Day parade marches by Roy's Tavern in 1951.

EVENTS

Chamber Hosts 'Very Serious Outdoor Business Seminar' on August 15

Join the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce for its "Very Serious Outdoor Business Seminar" on August 15 at the Bloomingdale Golf Club. The annual golf outing is a day of fun in the sun with lots of good food, games and networking. The golf and dinner package is \$130; dinner only is \$50. For more information, call the chamber at 980-9082.

Villagers Going Strong

The Villagers Club of Bloomingdale is a women's club which hosts social and fundraising events.

The group was known as the "Welcome Wagon" when the club began in the 70's. Now 100 women strong, they are an established philanthropical organization whose benevolent efforts are allocated to local charities. Their most recent event, the July 15th Garden Walk was a great success both socially and financially.

Villagers' meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. The "Clutter Cutter," who can help you organize your home before the holidays, will be featured on September 6 at the Bloomingdale Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road.

Upcoming in October is the club's next charitable fundraiser, the annual "Auction." This event takes place at 6:30 p.m. on October 4 at the Bloomingdale Golf Club.

If you want to become more involved in your community and make new friends, the Villagers could be for you. For more information call Joan at 529-9774 or Bette at 924-6861.



Villagers enjoyed "A Trip to Geneva" this summer.

Ladies Workout Express Offers Complimentary Use of Facilities to Spouses of Deployed Military Personnel

To help the families of deployed military troops deal with the stress of separation from their spouses, **Ladies Workout Express**, 154 S. Bloomingdale Road, is donating free full memberships to the spouses of military personnel who have been deployed overseas. By signing up now through September 1, these spouses will have full use of the Ladies Workout Express in Bloomingdale at no charge for the entire duration of their spouse's tour. For more information on what documentation you must present, call Nanette Dukes at the Bloomingdale facility at 630-295-9777.

**Dave Rudolph
Featured at Last
Sunshine Serenade
On August 17**

The Village of Bloomingdale and the Bloomingdale Public Library present the last Sunshine Serenade of the Summer.

Dave Rudolf is out of his mind...AND out of this world! Come see his very special interactive presentation for kids of all ages!

Friday, August 17, 2007
12:00—1:00 p.m.

This free concert will be held at the Founder's Park Gazebo at the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way.

Hot dogs, chips and ice cream novelties will be available for purchase.

**Community Day at
Carson's Coming in
November**

Community Day at Carson's Stratford Square will be held on Saturday, November 10th, 2007. The Care to Share Community Day is a fund-raising event for all non-profit and school organizations.

Participating organizations sell coupon booklets for \$5.00 each and 100% of the price is retained by the organization. Interested organizations can go to Carson's website at www.community-dayevent.com for information or call the store at 630-351-8980.

Bloomington Bike Patrol is On the Move!

Once again this summer the Bloomington Police Department has been utilizing its Bicycle Patrol. A group of specially trained officers patrol the Village from the unique perspective of a bicycle. The program was designed a number of years ago for mobile officers to travel in areas inaccessible to a squad car.

This year, in addition to regular patrols and a presence at outdoor events, the department has broadened the scope of the bike patrol. According to Watch Commander Len Jaster, bike patrol coordinator, the department is using the officers on two wheels even more as an enforcement tool.

"We've made drug arrests, liquor arrests, even traffic stops, utilizing the officers on bikes this summer," he noted. Jaster explained the bikes are able to keep a low profile and hit some of the problem areas in town, such as grassy areas and behind buildings where some of this illegal activity is likely to take place.

Of course, officers on this duty still have an opportunity to get "up close and personal" with residents on an informal and friendly basis, including the chance to educate youngsters about bike safety and the importance of wearing a helmet.



Sergeant Rich Blair (l) and Officer Sean Noonan get ready to set off on their 8-hour patrol.



(top photo) The Bike Patrol offers an opportunity to relate to residents and business people in a more informal way.

Westfield Middle School Teachers are A+ for Energy Initiative

Westfield Middle School teachers Carri Mueller and Leslie Stavnem were among dozens of Chicagoland educators who were recognized for their award-winning program entries in BP's successful A+ for Energy ® initiative. The eighth grade teachers submitted their classroom project titled "Energy Decisions for the Future" to be considered by BP officials, who awarded cash grants based on the creativity and innovativeness of the submissions. The math and science teachers were honored by BP at a special ceremony at the Museum of Science and Industry in June, where they received the \$5,000 cash grant for their winning program.

"We are extremely pleased to recognize Carri Mueller and Leslie Stavnem whose creativity in the classroom both inspires and encourages their students to be good energy consumers," said Doris Salomón Chagin, BP America Inc. Community Affairs Director - Midwest US.

In addition to the grant award, BP will provide winning teachers with a scholarship to attend a three-day energy training conference, sponsored by BP and presented in partnership with the National Energy Education Development (NEED) Project. The all-inclusive scholarship will cover the cost of travel, meals, lodging and a kit of instructional materials (tools and resources for teaching energy activities) valued at \$500.



Carri Mueller (2nd from left) and Leslie Stavnem (3rd from left) were honored at a special ceremony at the Museum of Science & Industry in June.

Thanks, Family Fest Sponsors!

The Village of Bloomingdale and Family Fest Committee would like to thank the following sponsors for supporting the 2007 Bloomingdale Family Fest:

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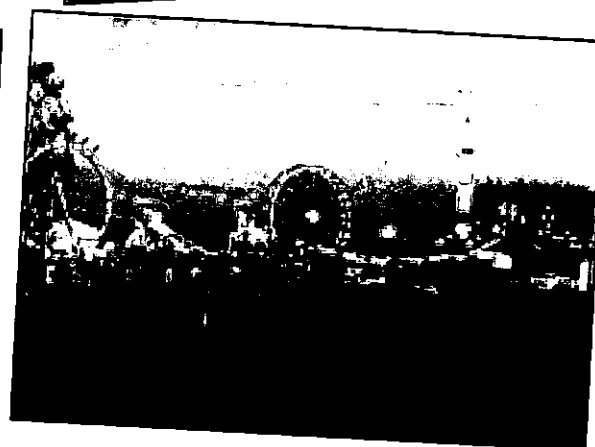
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Jenny Bach Honored for Athletics and Academics

Jenny Bach was recently named ESPN The Magazine Track & Field/Cross Country Academic All-District V by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Bach, graduated from North Central College this spring. She had been the track team's top runner in the 400 meters for the past two seasons. The studio art major was part of two All-American indoor distance medley relay teams (2006 and 2007), in addition to being part of the 4x400 relay team that broke the North Central Varsity record in the time trials of the 2006 NCAA III Outdoor Track & Field Championships.

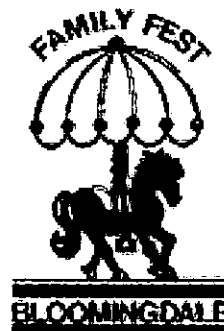
The Lake Park High School alumna is the daughter of residents Gerry and Pat Bach.



An Open Letter of Thanks

Family Fest was held on June 21, 22, 23 and 24. The whole event ran smoothly and this was due to the fine planning, cooperation, and hard work of a number of individuals who deserve special recognition for their almost year around work on the Fest. We would like to thank the following individuals who served on this year's Family Fest Committee:

Milton Clark
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Additional acknowledgements are in order for:

Dennis Szafran, Ed Lewen and the entire staff of the Public Works Department, who did a fantastic job setting up the Fest Site and making sure the grounds were in great shape before, during and after the Fest!

Sgt. Rich Blair, Sgt. Jackie Slater and the entire staff of the Police Department for the fine job done with security during the Fest.

Additional thanks are also extended to the following volunteers who helped out on-site in the Information Tent and with Glowstick Sales:

Linda Szramiak, Jerry Gaetano, Carl Webb, Britta Paszkiet, Lisa Neal, Keri Winkowski, Kristi & Andy Kaluski, Debra Price, David Hayes, Tony & Rita Scorzo, Kiran Shah, Kaushik Shah, Kusum Shah, Dave Strutzel, Patti Eagleton, Sara Eagleton, Bob Przyborowski, Irfan & Hassan Rizvi, Sam D'Amico, Joanna Seebeck, Marilyn DeMarre, Sandy Dauber, and Ryan Griffin.

We would also like to thank the following individuals and organizations who also contributed much to the success of the Fest:

The Board and staff of the Bloomington Park District for the use of the land and sponsoring tumbling activities in the Family Fun Activity Tent.

Village of Bloomington and the Bloomington Park District for the spectacular fireworks display. Village officials for their support.

Staff of the Village Hall.

The Board and staff of the Bloomington Public Library for their cooperation and assistance.

Timothy McFadden and the staff of the Lone Star Steakhouse, as the Fest beer vendor.

All food vendors, business tent vendors and sponsors.

Congratulations to Marilyn DeMarre and Rita Scorzo who both won the Family Fest volunteer drawing for a \$50 gift certificate for Stratford Square.

In closing, we hope everyone who attended Family Fest had a great time. We're looking forward to seeing each and every one of you at Family Fest 2008!

Tim Jarzemsky
Family Fest Co-Chair

Kandice Krettler
Family Fest Co-Chair

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Fall classes begin Wednesday, Aug. 22.

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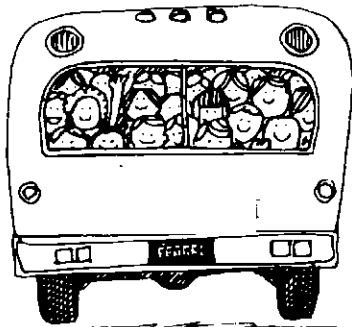
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School Safety

Summer is coming to a close and school is right around the corner. The Bloomington Fire Protection District would like to offer the following safety tips when sending your children to school:

Riding the Bus

School bus transportation is safe. In fact, buses are safer than cars! Even so, last year, approximately 26 students were killed and another 9,000 were injured in incidents involving school buses. More often than not, these deaths and injuries didn't occur in a crash, but as the pupils were entering and exiting the bus. Remember these safety tips:



Have a safe place to wait for your bus, away from traffic and the street.

Stay away from the bus until it comes to a complete stop and the driver signals you to enter.

When being dropped off, exit the bus and walk ten giant steps away from the bus.

Keep a safe distance between you and the bus. Also, remember that the bus driver can see you best when you are back away from the bus.

Use the handrail to enter and exit the bus.

Stay away from the bus until the driver gives his/her signal that it's okay to approach.

Be aware of the street traffic around you. Drivers are required to follow certain rules of the road concerning school buses, however, not all do.

Protect yourself and watch out!

Walking and Biking to School

Even if you don't ride in a motor vehicle, you still have to protect yourself.

Because of minimal supervision, young pedestrians face a wide variety of decisions making situations and dangers while walking to and from school. Here are a few basic safety tips to follow:



Mind all traffic signals and/or the crossing guard -- never cross the street against a light, even if you don't see any traffic coming.

Walk your bike through intersections.

Walk with a buddy.

Wear reflective material ... it makes you more visible to street traffic.

Riding in a Car

You might have heard before that most traffic crashes occur close to home ... they do.

Safety belts are the best form of protection passengers have in the event of a crash. They can lower your risk of injury by 45%. You are four times more likely to be seriously injured or killed if ejected from the vehicle in a crash. Everyone needs to be buckled up properly. That means older kids in seat belts, younger kids in booster seats and little kids in child safety seats.

If you would like further information on safety, contact the Bloomington Fire Protection District at 894-9080.

Off the Shelf



BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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LIBRARY HOLIDAY HOURS

Saturday, September 1 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 2 **Closed**
Monday, September 3 **Closed**
(Labor Day)

Sunday hours resume on September 9
from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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. During the past 6 months we have been updating the first floor with new carpet, paint, furniture and lighting. The first phase of the renovation is almost complete with some defective flooring being replaced and new lighting fixtures being installed later this summer. We now begin working towards updating the Youth Services area and meeting rooms on the lower level.

Phase two:

The second phase will focus on the public spaces of the lower level including Youth Services Department and the meeting rooms. 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 the carpeting, public desks, paint, lounge seating and public signage in the lower level.

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 two details:

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 August/September 2007. When the renovation is underway, we will close off access to the lower level. During this time, we will strive to remain open for business with all services provided from the first floor. Key library services such as: access to select YS materials especially popular fiction/non fiction, access to Children's DVD's and magazines and access to the Internet will be maintained. 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

Adult Services Department

ADULT SUMMER PROGRAMS



PEP NEWS

Join the People Educating People (PEP) Volunteer Program from College of DuPage as a volunteer classroom tutor. PEP tutors help adult students learn English as a Second Language (ESL), reading or basic math. They work once or twice a week for two to three hours. Day, evening and weekend classes are held throughout DuPage County.

The next training series for ESL, reading and math volunteer classroom tutors will be offered on consecutive Saturdays, November 10 and 17, 2007, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Glen Ellyn campus. The deadline to register is October 26. Space is limited so call early. Spring assignments begin January 14, 2008.

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

THANK YOU TO LOCAL SPONSORS FOR THEIR SUPPORT

The Bloomingdale Public Library would like to thank the following merchants and organizations for their very generous donations to the Adult and Youth Services Reading Program.

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Morton Arboretum
Museum of Science and Industry
Platt Hill Nursery
Ristorante Almalfi
Rooster's Restaurant
Sbarro's Pizzeria
Superstar Karate

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP NEWS

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

Adult Book Group

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

August 15 and 16

The Known World by Edward P. Jones

September 19 and 20

One Vacant Chair by Joe Coomer

Historical Book Group

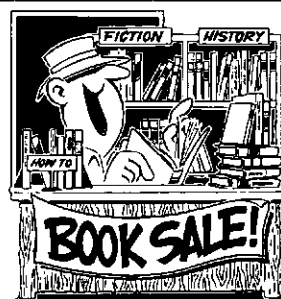
Meets from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. on the first Tuesday of the month.

September 4

The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien

THANK YOU

A special thank you to Michael and Bertie Ratliff for their generous \$300 donation to the library. This money will be used to enhance our audio book collection.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Library Book sale will be Saturday, September 15 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The sale will include thousands of books including the nicest copies of recent withdrawals and donated material.

*In case of inclement weather,
the sale will be cancelled.*

ADULT SUMMER PROGRAMS



UPCOMING EVENTS

Ice Cream Social

August 9

Roy's Famous Fish Fry

August 10



Tickets for Breakfast/Brunch with Santa and Polar Express will go on sale at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 6, 2007.

Please note: Polar Express tickets will be limited and are only available to Bloomingdale residents. More details will be available in the next issue.



FRIENDS OF THE BLOOMINGDALE LIBRARY QUILT RAFFLE

There is still time to buy a ticket to win the king size quilt donated by the Loose Threads Quilt Group. The quilt is on display at the library. Tickets are \$3 each or 3 for \$10 and are on sale in the Business Office of the library. The drawing will take place on August 9 at the Ice Cream Social.

PLAYAWAYS

Have you noticed our new Playaway audio books? About the dimensions of a credit card (though slightly thicker), the Playaway is a small, light and extremely portable way to listen to a book. The advantage of the Playaway audio book is that it is simple and self-contained; no player or device is needed. The Bloomingdale Public Library recently added ten titles to its collection. Patrons who borrow Playaways will need to supply their own headphones or ear buds. The Playaways run on an AAA battery, which the library will supply. The library also has an FM adaptor to lend which will enable you to connect this device to your car stereo.

RESEARCH ESSENTIALS

One-hour appointments are available to meet with Julie Keating, one of our reference librarians. She can show you the basics of library research, including an introduction to our computer catalog and the electronic databases. This program is available for individuals or groups. Please call Julie for an appointment, 924-2735.



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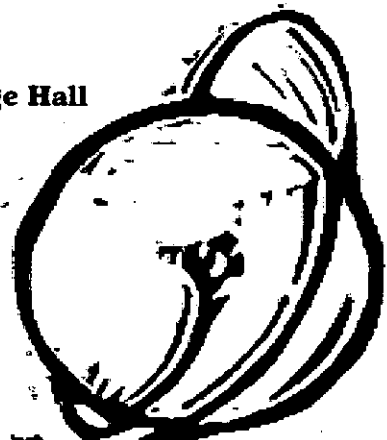
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**Ice cream sundaes, pop, pizza, hot dogs,
and popcorn will be available for
purchase at the event.**

**Parking note:
Overflow parking for
this event will be at the Village Hall
and**

**Starck & Co. Realtors at
181 S. Bloomingdale Rd.**

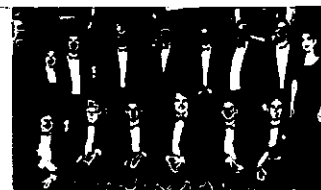
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**For more information,
please call 630.924.2720**



Please join us for the 9th Annual Roy's Famous Friday Night Fish Fry



Dinner and dancing music provided by:
Grand Avenue Big Band!

You're invited to step back into time...come experience the re-creation of what was once
Bloomington's most popular social event!

Friday, August 10, 2007
from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

This event will be held underneath the tent at Founders Park
(located in front of the Library, at the corner of
Bloomington Road and Fairfield Way)

This event is sponsored by:
The Bloomington Historical Society
Village of Bloomington
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The Fish Fry will be presented by Rooster's Restaurant of Bloomington from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The menu will include: fried haddock, potato salad, coleslaw, lemonade, coffee, and a
variety of dessert items. Sorry, no other food items will be available this evening.

Pop, bottled water and alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase on-site at this event.

Tickets will be available beginning Monday, July 2, 2007. Ticket Prices are as follows:

Tickets purchased between July 2—August 9, 2007

Adults - \$15.00 each
Kids, ages 4-12 - \$6.00 each
Kids under age four—Free, ticket required.

Tickets purchased Friday, August 10, 2007

Adults - \$18.00 each
Kids, ages 4-12 - \$7.00 each
Kids under age four—Free, ticket required.

Don't forget to visit the special exhibit on trains in the Local History Room in the mezzanine of the Library!

Name: _____		For office use only	
Address: _____		Method of payment (check one): _____ Check (# _____) _____ Cash	
City: _____ Zip: _____		Amount Paid: \$ _____	
Phone (_____) _____		Ticket Number(s): _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	
Adults: _____ x _____ = \$ _____ (# of tickets requested) (price)			
Kids (4-12) _____ x _____ = \$ _____ (# of tickets requested) (price)			
Kids (ages 4 and under): _____ x _____ = \$ _____ (# of tickets requested) (price)			
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE = \$ _____			
Please make checks payable to the Bloomington Public Library. Cash or checks only. Sorry, we cannot accept credit/debit cards.		Staff Initials: _____ Date: _____	

Bloomington Park District

Where recreation revolves around you!

There's still time to enjoy Some Summer activities before School starts...

172 S. Circle Avenue

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Office Hours:

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

F: 8:30am-4:30pm

SA: 9:00am-1:00pm



Visit The Oasis - regular hours continue through August 14. Post season hours begin August 15, call the Bloomington Park District for the post season schedule.

Register for Splash Camp or Super Star Swim Camp available for ages 6 - 14. See below for details.

Splash Camp

Swimmers in this camp will have a splashtastic good time! Activities include; water safety, swimming instruction, water aerobics, pool games, boat play time, water sports and more! This camp is designed to be fun and full of playful activities, with minimal swim and stroke instruction. The Oasis attractions will be open during designated times each day for the campers to enjoy. Children must be comfortable in the water and be able to hold their breath for 10 seconds under water to participate in this program. Campers with minimal swimming skills will be required to wear a life jacket.

Location: The Oasis

Instructor: Staff

MIN/MAX: 10/24

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
6-10	M-F	08:30-10:30A	08/06-08/10	\$60/80	402841-A1

SuperStar Swim Camp

SuperStar Swim Camp is for the swimmer who wishes to improve his/her swimming skills and also enjoy a variety of pool activities. Each day will include stroke development, endurance, relay races, pool games, water safety, lifeguard skills, and open swim. The Oasis attractions will be open during designated times each day for the campers to enjoy. Children must be able to swim 25 yards and hold their breath underwater for 10 seconds to enroll in this program.

Location: The Oasis

Instructor: Staff

MIN/MAX: 10/24

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
10-14	M-F	10:30-12:30P	08/06-08/10	\$60/80	402842-A1



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GRAND AVENUE BIG BAND
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THROUGH AUGUST 18TH
HOURS DURING EXHIBIT:
WEDNESDAY 4-8PM
THURSDAY/FRIDAY 10-4PM
SATURDAY 12-4PM
RESIDENT \$1
NON-RESIDENT \$2
SENIORS \$.50

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ADULT TRIPS

Cubs Trip Chicago Cubs Vs. Pittsburgh Pirates

Come out and enjoy the fall weather at Wrigley Field! The Bloomingdale Park District will be taking a bus from the Johnston Rec Center to go see the Chicago Cubs for one of their last 2007 home games. Participants 17 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Fee includes ticket and transportation to and from the game. Return time is approximate.

Registration deadline is September 14, 2007.

Location: JRC Parking Lot MIN/MAX: 25/34

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	F	11:00-07:00P	09/21-09/21	\$35/40	403222-A1

Meet Me in St. Louis

Come and spend the day at the Drury Lane in Oak Brook enjoying the greatest musical ever made! This show is about a family that is on the verge of celebrating the 1904

World's Fair when the head of the household has a job offer in New York City. Will the head of the household take the job offer or will the family be able to stay in St. Louis and attend the fair? Your fee includes the show and transportation. Upon registration please indicate your lunch choice of stuffed chicken breast or roast turkey breast.

Registration deadline is September 27, 2007.

Location: JRC Parking Lot
Instructor: Staff - TBA MIN/MAX: 20/40

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	Th	10:30-04:30P	10/18-10/18	\$105/105	103247-A1



Noble Horse Theatre

Grandparents! Come and spend an afternoon with your grandkids to enjoy the wonderful play, "The Nutcracker on Horseback" at the Noble Horse Theatre in Chicago. The Noble Horse Theatre is proud to present the historic nutcracker, a grand holiday treat for friends and family. This is the only theatre in North America to perform the historic versions of the "The Nutcracker" on horseback. This narrative performance

features the beloved Ciara, The Mouse Kind, The Sugar Plum Fairy, Tchaikovsky's unforgettable music, and trick riders from around the world! Be swept away by a story straight from a child's dream, see beautiful fairies on horseback, toy soliders battling the mouse army, and amazing white stallions. Participants have the option to ride on the horses after the show for an additional \$5.00 per person. Fee includes show and transportation. Senior Citizens Residents is \$32 per person and \$42 Non-Resident per person. Each child is \$22 Resident per child and \$33 Non-Resident per child. Registration deadline is October 1, 2007.

Location: JRC Parking Lot
Instructor: Staff - TBA MIN/MAX: 14/40

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	Th	09:30-02:00P	12/20-12/20	\$74/74	103245-A1

Untouchables Gangsters

Take a two-hour romp back to the Roaring 20's as a costumed gangster guide takes you back to the prohibition Era of Chicago. Hear the stories and see the haunts of Chicago's Mob legends such as Al Capone, Bugs Moran, and Machine Gun Jack McGurn. See the places that made Chicago infamous such as the Biograph Theatre, the St. Valentine's Day Massacre site, and Dion O'Bannion's Flower Shop. Afterward enjoy lunch at Pompei on Tayler Street in Chicago's Little Italy where we feast on delicious Italian food. Registration deadline is October 4, 2007.

Location: Roselle Park Dist
Instructor: Staff - TBA MIN/MAX: 10/36

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	Th	09:00-04:00P	11/08-11/08	\$165/165	103248-A1

REGISTER ONLINE @BLOOMINGDALEPARKS.ORG



Flag Football League

The flag football program has been designed to introduce your child to the game of football. Players will learn and develop the fundamentals of football, teamwork, and sportsmanship in a non-contact environment. THE PROGRAM WILL DEPEND ON VOLUNTEER PARENTS. Practices will be held on weeknights and games will be played on Saturday mornings at Winnebago School. Helmets, uniforms and flags will be provided. Be sure to register early!!! Grade will be determined by the 2007-08 school year.

Location: Springfield Park & Winnebago School

Instructor: Volunteer **MIN/MAX:** 20/60

Grade	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
K-1	Tu,Th,Sa	05:00-07:00P	08/28-11/01	\$75/95	502315-B1
2-3	Tu,Th,Sa	05:00-07:00P	08/28-11/01	\$75/95	502315-B2

Punt, Pass, and Kick

The NFL Pepsi Punt, Pass, and Kick program will create a lively and engaging forum. Boys and girls ages 8-15 compete separately against their peers in punting, passing, and place-kicking skills. The top scorer in all age divisions from each Local Competition will advance to the Sectional Competition. A copy of the participant's birth certificate must be brought to the Local Competition. Pre-register at the JRC: R-free, NR-\$5; Register on-site: R-\$5, NR-\$10. Aging Date: December 31, 2007

Location: Springfield Park

Instructor: Staff **MIN/MAX:** 10/50

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
8-9	Tu	06:00-06:00P	09/18-09/18	\$0/5	102330-A1
10-11	Tu	06:00-06:00P	09/18-09/18	\$0/5	102330-A2
12-13	Tu	06:00-06:00P	09/18-09/18	\$0/5	102330-A3
14-15	Tu	06:00-06:00P	09/18-09/18	\$0/5	102330-A4

Volleyball League

Join this Co-Rec Volleyball League for an approximate seven to ten game schedule, with the top four teams reaching a post-season tournament. Cash prizes will be awarded to the leagues first and second place champions. The league fee must be paid in full prior to the captains meeting. The league fee includes a \$50.00 forfeit fee. At the end of the season if a team does not have any forfeits the \$50.00 will be refunded. A mandatory pre-season captains meeting will be held in early September.

Location: Westfield Gym

Instructor: Staff **MIN/MAX:** 4/8

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	Su	06:00-09:00P	09/16-11/18	\$500/550	103315-A1

➔ REGISTER ONLINE @ BLOOMINGDALEPARKS.ORG

Women's Softball

The Bloomingdale Park District will once again offer the 30 and over league. The league will consist of an approximate 8-10 game schedule. Top rated teams will enter a post-season single-elimination tournament. Priority registration is given to returning teams. New teams may register beginning on July 1. There will be a mandatory captains meeting in early August (date will be announced later). Included in the \$500.00 registration fee is a \$50.00 forfeit fee that will be refunded at the end of the season if no games are forfeited. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 14.**

Location: Springfield Park

Instructor: Staff **MIN/MAX:** 6/12

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	W,F	06:30-09:30P	08/29-10/24	\$500/550	403313-A1

Tennis Clinic

Come join us for a one hour tennis clinic. Beginner and advanced levels are welcome. Fee is per person.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!

A1 is a family clinic

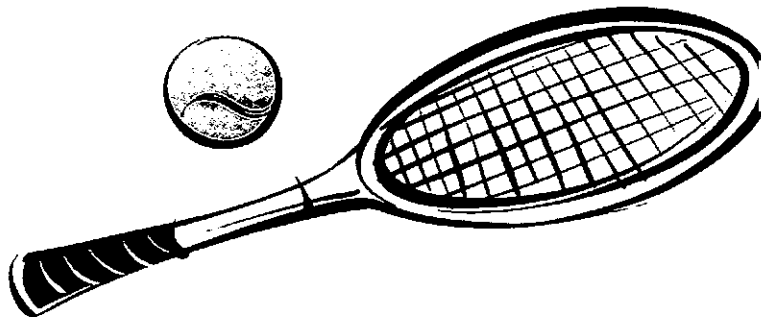
A2 is a youth clinic

A3 is an adult clinic.

Location: Lakeview Park

Instructor: Theresa Daciolas **MIN/MAX:** 8/16

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	Sa	09:00-10:00A	09/08-09/08	\$10/15	104103-A1
7-14	Sa	10:10-11:10A	09/08-09/08	\$10/15	104103-A2
15-Adult	Sa	11:20-12:20P	09/08-09/08	\$10/15	104103-A3



PROGRAMS



Once Upon A Time Preschool

Registration for the 2007-08 school year is currently being accepted at the Johnston Recreation Center. Openings exist for children 2 1/2 - 4 years old. Please call the Bloomingdale Park District, (630) 529-3650 for available openings.

Kids Curriculum Night

It's Curriculum Night just for kids! Parents can drop their child(ren) off at the JRC while they attend Curriculum Night at DuJardin School or Erickson School. Kids Curriculum Night will be all play and no work! The evening will feature age appropriate activities, games, crafts, cartoons, free time, and a snack. Parents may drop off their child(ren) anytime during the event, children do not have to stay for the entire evening. The pre-registration fee is only \$5.00 per child, drop-ins will be accepted the night of the event for a \$10.00 fee.

Location: Preschool C

Instructor: Staff

MIN/MAX: 10/50

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
4-11	Th	06:15-09:00P	09/20-09/20	\$5/5	102636-A1

Friday Night Movie

The Bloomingdale Park District is excited to offer Friday Night Flicks 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!

ALL MOVIES \$2; 7:00-9:00pm

Friday, September 28
Yours, Mine, and Ours PG



Worldwide Day of Play

Join us and the entire nation for the Worldwide Day of Play endorsed by Nickelodeon. The Illinois Association of Park Districts is partnering with the American Heart Association to bring attention to childhood obesity. This event promotes active play for kids as well as teaching children the importance of healthy eating. Participants will enjoy our obstacle course, the tumbling play station, games, healthy snacks, and so much more! This program is free but participants still need to register and will receive a ticket. Parents are welcome to stay. Children will receive a certificate and ribbon the day of the event.

Registration deadline is September 25.

Location: JRC Gym

Instructor: Staff

MIN/MAX: 20/100

Age	Day	Time	Date	Code #
5-12	Sa	12:30-02:30P	09/29-09/29	104308-A1

Sports Sampler - FREE

Not sure which program to register your child for? Here is an opportunity to try out a class for free! Just register on-line 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

Instructor: Staff

MIN/MAX: 4/10

Age	Day	Time	Date	Code #
Wiggle Time				
1-1.41	W	09:00-09:30A	09/05-09/05	101307-AA
Energy Express				
1.5-2.3	W	09:45-10:15A	09/05-09/05	101307-BB
Parent & Totnastics				
2.41-2.91	W	10:30-11:00A	09/05-09/05	101307-CC
Tumbling Teddys				
3-3	W	11:15-11:45A	09/05-09/05	101307-DD
3-3	Th	11:00-11:30A	09/06-09/06	101307-GG
Kindernastics				
K	Th	09:00-09:45A	09/06-09/06	101307-EE
Little Flipsters				
4-5	Th	10:00-10:45A	09/06-09/06	101307-FF
Pre K Drill Team				
3-5	Th	10:30-11:00A	09/06-09/06	101307-HH
3-5	Th	12:15-12:45P	09/06-09/06	101307-JJ
Pixie Chicks				
3-5	Th	11:15-11:45A	09/06-09/06	101307-II
3-5	Th	01:00-01:30P	09/06-09/06	101307-KK
Little Learners				
1-2	F	12:00-12:30P	09/07-09/07	101307-LL
Little Sportsters				
3-5	F	12:45-01:15P	09/07-09/07	101307-MM
Pee Wee Tennis				
3-4	F	01:30-02:00P	09/07-09/07	101307-NN
Lil Kicks				
3-4	W	01:45-02:15P	09/05-09/05	101307-OO
5-6	W	03:15-03:45P	09/05-09/05	101307-PP
T-Ball				
3-4	W	02:30-03:00P	09/05-09/05	101307-QQ
5-6	W	04:00-04:30P	09/05-09/05	101307-RR
Hoopsters				
3-4	W	04:45-05:15P	09/05-09/05	101307-SS
5-7	W	05:30-06:00P	09/05-09/05	101307-TT

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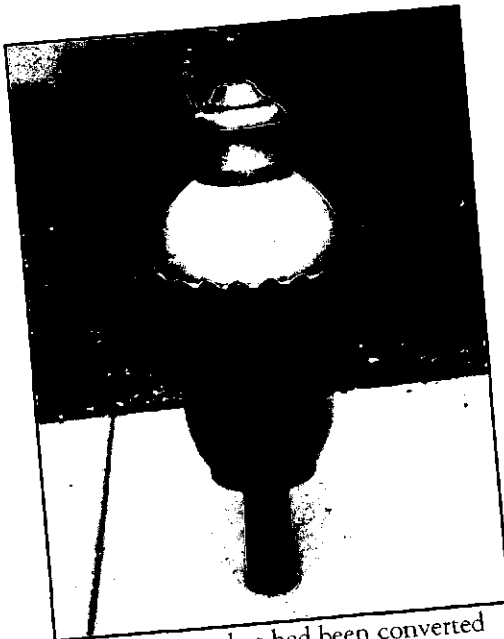
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'Old School' Getting a New Look

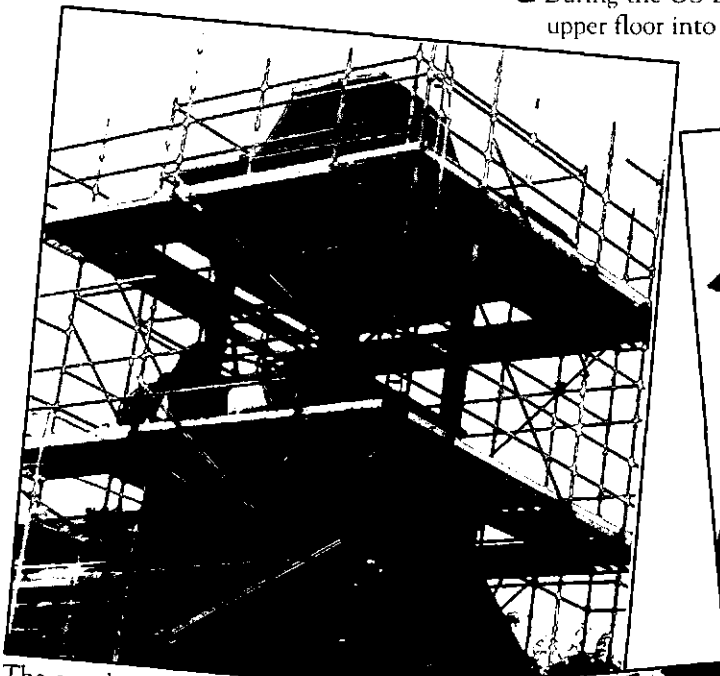
Renovation of the "Old School" continues. For years we have referred to this building at Lake Street and Third streets as the "Old Village Hall" as it served as such from 1938 until 1977. But the building was originally built as a school in 1894 and remained so until 1937 when the former Central School was built on Day Street at Franklin. As the building is restored and rehabbed, it will be correctly referred to as the "Old School."

Some interesting facts about the structure:

- ☐ Straw insulation was used in the walls.
- ☐ First Village Board meeting in the Old School was held in August 1938.
- ☐ Indoor plumbing was installed in 1954.
- ☐ Vandals set fire to the structure in 1974. Scoutmaster Phillip Manly tried to beat it out until the Fire Department arrived.
- ☐ During the US Bicentennial in 1976, the Historical Society converted the upper floor into an early 1900's classroom for visitors.



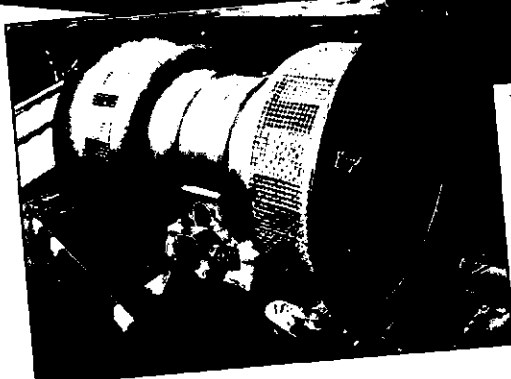
An old lantern that had been converted to electricity was discovered in one of the inside walls.



The cupola will once again remain open as it was originally designed.



Workers work on the cedar Shake roof.



The old fire siren which remained from the years when the building housed the Fire Department was removed and given to the Fire Department so it might be displayed in its lobby. The siren weighed over 200 pounds.