



*Village of Bloomingdale*

# *Almanac*

*Growth with Pride*

Branch pickup  
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## From the Desk of Mayor Bob Iden

The Village of Bloomingdale is very proud to be rolling out its new and improved website. Village employees Kay Argo, Carol Dublin, Mary Ellen Johnson, Helen Price, Sandy Raucci, Jackie Slater, and John Spikes, led by Assistant Village Administrator Barb Weber have been working on this project for several months. The result is a visually pleasing, user friendly website with simple navigation to useful information for residents, businesses, and visitors.

The new site also features a business section, including a Dining Directory and Shopping Directory, as well as information for and about our local businesses. Businesses - read about the B-card - a village-wide marketing project put together by the Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee. It's free to Bloomingdale businesses - check it out on page 5!

Another feature that will appeal to residents is a Community Calendar. Organizations can contact Mary Ellen Johnson, Almanac editor at [johnsonm@vil.bloomingdale.il.us](mailto:johnsonm@vil.bloomingdale.il.us) with their meetings and special events for inclusion on the Village website's Calendar of Events. Mark the subject line "Community Calendar." The address for the new website is [www.villageofbloomingdale.org](http://www.villageofbloomingdale.org)

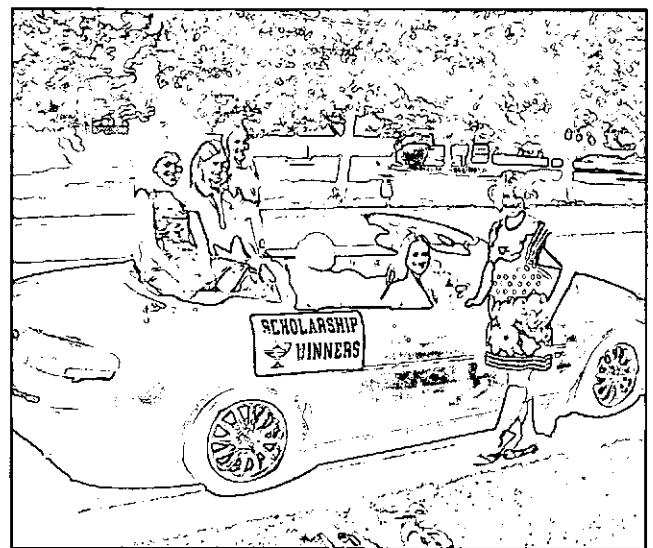
As I mentioned in the August issue, because of the substantial increase in housing construction (school enrollment, etc.) since the 2000 census, the Village of Bloomingdale has authorized the United State Bureau of the Census to conduct a Special Census in our community. Special Census workers will visit 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 Ct., Rosedale Estates, Seven Oaks Estates, Sunrise Assisted Living, Villas of Thornfield, and Villa Veneto.

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 be wearing red, white and blue badges and are required to contact all residents in the survey area both personally and by telephone. They will work in the evenings and on Saturdays. The Special Census questions are brief (compared to 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.

Your cooperation with the Special Census is greatly appreciated and necessary for a fair and accurate count of Bloomingdale residents. Any questions concerning the Special Census should be directed to Barb Weber, Assistant Village Administrator. (630) 671-5613.

Mayor Bob Iden

OCTOBER 2007



Some of the eight Septemberfest Scholarship winners were able to take part in the parade. Seated on the back (l to r): Tanya Prabhaker, Laura Yeakey, Lauren Szramiak; front seat, Taryn Tawonda; standing, Sara Macejik.

## 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*

## New and Improved Village Website -- CHECK IT OUT!!!

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 elec-  
tronic message,  
our address is:



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

Our website address is:  
[www.villageofbloomingdale.org](http://www.villageofbloomingdale.org)

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

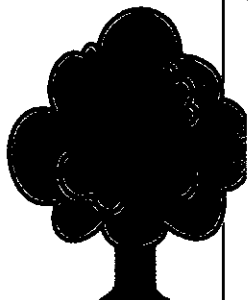
## Hang Some History on Your Tree

Hang a piece of history on your tree this holiday season. The Bloomingdale Historical Society is selling ornaments that feature a vintage etching of the Old School (located at Lake & Third streets) at Christmas. The original ink and watercolor was drawn by resident and artist Diane Duffy. The historical group is pleased to offer this nostalgic look at a Bloomingdale landmark as Bloomingdale prepares to celebrate its 175th birthday in 2008. The 3 1/4 inch shatterproof ornament has a white satin finish and sells for \$6.00. The ornaments will be available at the Bloomingdale Village Hall and the Bloomingdale Public Library after November 1, and at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum during the holiday exhibit November 10 through December 20.



## 2007 Fall Branch Collection Program Begins October 15

Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. will once again perform branch collection under the direction of the Village Forestry Division. Branch collection will begin on Monday, October 15th. The program is only available to single family detached residences. Townhome residents should contact their association regarding branch collection.



### **BRANCH COLLECTION GUIDELINES:**

- ☐ Branches must be out by 7:00 a.m. on Monday, October 15.
- ☐ Woody branches 1/2 inch to 6 inches in diameter are the only items that will be picked up. (Note: any spikes, hooks or other metal objects must be removed).
- ☐ Long lengths are favored provided branches do not block sidewalks and pedestrian access.
- ☐ All branches should be placed at the curb or pavement edge and stacked in an orderly fashion with the cut or larger end towards the pavement.
- ☐ Thorny tree branches should not be concealed inside piles. These require special care as to not cause injuries to the workers.

### **THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE UNACCEPTABLE:**

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



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

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

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

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



*Branches should be stacked like this . . .*



*. . . NOT like this.*

## LOOK WHAT WE DID!

The 35th annual Septemberfest celebration thanked Mother Nature once again. Not even the weatherman could cool down this Saturday event. Gloria Tomaras started off the Fest with the annual parade at 11 AM - 526 walkers, 9 floats, and 48 vehicles participated in this year's parade. The opening ceremony began with three young ladies from the Bloomingdale School of Music singing our National Anthem. Mark Garrison was able to convince 35 cyclists to participate in this year's motorcycle show with awards being presented for Best Softtail Custom, Best Hardtail Custom, Best Paint, Best Antique, and of course, Best of Show.



Our car show, thanks to Marilyn Zaccardi, had 38 participants who started arriving as early as 10:30 AM to participate in the Parade. The final judging was at 5 PM and all winners were announced at 5:30 PM with each winner telling a little bit about their particular vehicle. (Funny how people look at you when asked to speak into a microphone.) This show also presented the difference between men and boys (the price of their toys) as the "Best of Show" car was a lifelong project that cost over a hundred and fifty thousand dollars to assemble. Vendors selling everything from newspapers to ice cream could be found along Third and Franklin Streets. Jewelry, Hot Dogs, Pizza, Gyros, Dip and Dots, Hamburgers, and liquid refreshments were available thanks to the work of all our committee members. Special thanks to Jackie Lic who came out of retirement to help get everything in place and ready to go with vendor booths.

On stage we always have a lot of things going on. This year was no exception. M & R Music provided the DJ work, plus color highlights of all the various events, Hoola Hoop contests and a pie eating contest by the Chamber of Commerce allowed participation from some of the audience. Bloomingdale Park District Beamers performing Gymnastic and Drill Team routines, Lake Park High School Lancettes doing cheerleading exhibitions and the Center Stage Dance Company performing a variety of dances provided early afternoon entertainment. This year we also had Frank Birdsall, a trick bicycle performer showing what a whole lot of practice is all about. (And I thought bicycles were for riding) All of this was coordinated by Jill Mixer who was able to attend this year. We appreciate all of her good work. Thanks, Jill.



But, the most important part of the whole evening was put together by Carole Lockhart, the presentation of our eight scholarship winners. Candidates were able to participate by filling out a scholarship application form. They were required to submit two letters of recommendation, provide an essay with a minimum of 500 words, and have an interview with a panel of judges. The eight scholarship winners were Tanya Prabhaker, Sara Michelle Maccjik, Lauren Szramiak, Taryn Tawonda, Michelle A. Calvario, Emily Noonan, Laura Yeakey and Scott Sasser. To each of them, we cannot tell you enough how proud we are of your accomplishments. Each winner will receive from \$500 to \$2,000 in scholarship monies from the Joe Draghi Memorial Scholarship Fund.

I personally would like to thank all of our Village Service employees and our Police officers, especially Randy Petersen, Len Jaster, Bob Maguire, and Vern Fasse for all of their hard work and assistance. These people were instrumental in providing traffic and crowd control, as well as other necessary essentials needed for such an event. Let us not forget the Bloomingdale Fire Protection District for providing medical services throughout the entire day.

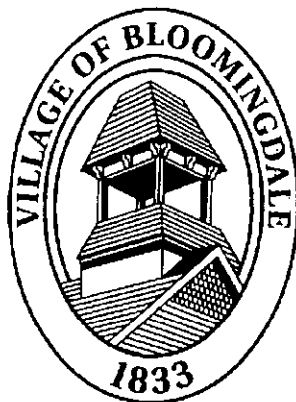
Last, but by no means least, nothing would have been possible without the help and support of our Mayor, Village Trustees, Dolores Orlik, Jo Witucki, Dan Davis, John Dabrowski, Mitch Frumkin and Carol Dublin. To all the participants who came out and enjoyed the day with us, thank you. A special thanks goes out to all of the sponsors and supporters who donated monetarily to Scholarships Fund for our future recipients. In closing, thank you for giving me the opportunity to participate in and be a part of this annual event. It was an experience that I will never forget! Looking forward to the 36th Septemberfest on September 6, 2008. Bring a friend!

Bill Wolff, Chairman

See more pictures and sponsors on back page.



***This is the Best Business Opportunity in Bloomingdale in 175 Years!***



***B - Card***

***Buy Bloomingdale***

**Valid March 7-16, 2008 at participating Bloomingdale businesses**

In recognition of the 175th anniversary of the founding of Bloomingdale (March 11, 2008), and to further encourage Bloomingdale residents and workers to ***Shop Bloomingdale***, the Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee has developed a community-wide program for Bloomingdale businesses, called the B-Card. The B-Card program will 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 at participating businesses for a limited time, from March 7 through March 16, 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 B-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.

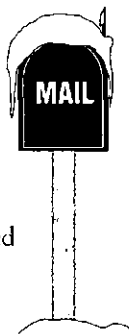
If you are interested, call Mary Ellen at the Village Hall, 671-5600 to get an application to participate or complete the application on the Village's website at [www.villageofbloomingdale.org](http://www.villageofbloomingdale.org). Once your business information is entered, a confirmation placard will be emailed to your business for display in your window.

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

## Before winter arrives . . .

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

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



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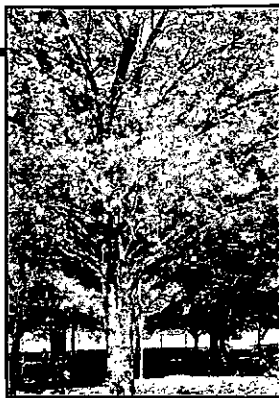
**Village of Bloomingdale**

**Mary Ellen Johnson, Editor**

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Village of Bloomingdale  
201 S. Bloomingdale Road  
Bloomingdale, IL 60108

**671-5600**



*Autumn Blaze Maple*

## 2008 Tree Planting Planting Program

The Village Board has again allocated funds for this very successful program which was started in 1982. For the ninth year, additional funds have been included for business/commercial properties. The program provides trees, including planting, at a 50/50 cost sharing with the Village. The trees will be planted next Spring and are available for street parkways, residential

front yards and business/school/commercial properties. Business/school/commercial properties that wish to participate should contact Jim Johnson, Urban Forester, at 630-671-5804.

The following are the guidelines of the program:

- ☐ Since the budget is limited, the program will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Requests should be submitted by December 1, 2007. No payment is required at this time. Bills will be sent about February 1, 2008.
- ☐ Trees will be 2 1/2 inch caliper, unless stated otherwise. Trees will be quality nursery stock but not specimen plants.
- ☐ The Village reserves the right to disapprove requests based on conflicts, safety, or proper spacing.
- ☐ Removal of dead trees, stumps and/or large roots is not included and must be performed by participants before March 15th.
- ☐ Each residential parcel will be limited to two trees per year. Each business/commercial property will be limited to four trees per year.
- ☐ Participants will be given the opportunity to mark the desired location for the tree; however, the Village retains the right to change the location, if necessary.
- ☐ We anticipate the cost of 2 1/2" caliper trees to be between \$250 and \$350 each, with the



*Greenspire Linden*

Village paying half of the amount.

☐ Trees will be guaranteed for one year. Participants are responsible for all watering which will be described in instructions furnished by the Village.

☐ For trees to be planted in the public parkway, this application will serve as the permit requirements of the ordinance regulating trees on public areas.

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



*Norway Spruce*

# 2008 Tree Planting Program — Residential Request Form

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

PLANTING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate the number of each type desired:  
(limit of two trees per residential parcel per year)

## PARKWAY

\_\_\_\_\_ Canada Red Cherry (*Prunus virginiana* 'Schubert')

Also known as Schubert Chokecherry. Leaves emerge bright green in the spring, eventually turning a deep reddish purple. Fruitless variety; white 3"-6" flowers clusters in spring. Tree has a dense, pyramidal to oval shape, and grayish bark. Mature height is 20' to 30'; mature width is 15' to 20'.

\_\_\_\_\_ Norway Maple 'Deborah' (*Acer platanoides* 'Deborah')

Vigorous newer selection. Attractive maroon-red spring foliage, turning to dark bronze-green then dark bronze-yellow in the fall. Matures to 45' in height and 40' in width.

\_\_\_\_\_ Autumn Blaze Maple (*Acer x freemanii* 'Autumn Blaze')

A tree that lives up to its name, it exhibits brilliant and long lasting orange-red fall color. It combines the best characteristics of the Red and Silver Maples. Grows moderately to fast with a mature height of 40 to 50 feet.

\_\_\_\_\_ Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*)

Unique among the landscape oaks because of its rounded habit. Grows 60' to 70' tall. Deeply lobed, dark green leaves in summer change to red in fall.

\_\_\_\_\_ Greenspire™ Linden (*Tilia cordata* 'Greenspire')

This littleleaf Linden is distinctly pyramidal in youth, becoming pyramidal-rounded with age. Creamy yellow fragrant flowers in June; dark green leaves turn golden-yellow in the fall. At maturity it can reach 50' in height.

## FRONT YARD

\_\_\_\_\_ Canada Red Cherry

\_\_\_\_\_ Norway Maple 'Deborah'

\_\_\_\_\_ Autumn Blaze Maple

\_\_\_\_\_ Red Oak

\_\_\_\_\_ Greenspire™ Linden

\_\_\_\_\_ Norway Spruce (*Picea abies*)

A large evergreen coniferous tree, 40 to 60 feet tall at maturity, with graceful drooping branches. Mature cones are 4 to 6 inches long, the longest of any spruce. Cones are light green, turning medium brown at maturity.

\_\_\_\_\_ Pink Princess™ Crabapple (*Malus 'Parrisi'*)

Rose pink flowers, purple-red leaves and deep red, persistent fruits (1/4") distinguish this naturally dwarf form of Sargent Crabapple. Tree shape is low and spreading, to eventual height of 8' and spread of 12'.



Norway Maple 'Deborah'

DELIVER OR SEND TO:  
DEPARTMENT OF VILLAGE SERVICES, BLOOMINGDALE VILLAGE HALL  
201 S. BLOOMINGDALE ROAD, BLOOMINGDALE, IL 60108  
Deadline is December 1, 2007

## EVENTS

**CHARACTER COUNTS! sm  
Celebration Night!**

The whole community is invited to Celebration Night in Old Town Park on Tuesday, October 16 for fun and entertainment. Don't miss this great event and your chance to show your support of the Six Pillars. This year's theme is "In This World Together." The fun begins at 7:00pm.

The Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition will be collecting supplies for our Troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Please bring your donations to the Celebration Night in front of the main stage. Donations may also be dropped off at the Johnston Recreation Center or Bloomingdale Public Library beginning October 1.

Handwritten letters and drawings for the Troops are always welcome!

**Food Items:** (Please do not send any chocolate)

Juice boxes	Snack bars	Candy (especially lifesavers)
Granola Bars	Power Bar	Cookies (chewy type)
Brownies (no frosting)	Dried fruit & nuts	Individual Oatmeal packets
Popcorn (popped & microwave packs)		Processed Cheese & Crackers
Instant Coffee, coffee singles, cocoa, tea bags		Powdered Creamer
Sugar packets	Sweetened Kool-Aid	Beef Jerky
Canned Vienna sausages	Canned Corned Beef	Spam
Canned Tuna	Canned Ravioli	Spaghettios
Peanut butter	Individual size canned fruit	

**Personal Items**

Shaving Cream	Skin Care products	Shampoo
Body wash	Dental Floss	Deodorant
Toothpaste	Toothbrushes	Chap Stick
Visine	Foot Powder	Baby wipes or Cleansing wipes
Soft Toilet Paper	Hand lotion	Feminine products
Foot Powder		

**Misc. General Items**

AA batteries	AAA batteries	9 volt batteries
LED batteries	White Socks	Disposable Cameras
Paperback books (recent publications)		DVDs of current movies

CHARACTER COUNTS!sm in Bloomingdale!

**Stepping Stones Dinner & Auction on October 12**

Friday, October 12 marks the 5th Annual Dinner and Auction for Stepping Stones. All Aboard the S.S. Empress, Empress Banquets, 200 E. Lake Street in Addison. Come sail the night away to support women of domestic violence. Tickets are \$75 per person. For more information, check out <http://www.steppingstonesroselle.org>.

**A Senior Moment  
News Especially for Seniors**

Lake Park High School invites all senior citizens living within the District 108 boundaries to become members of our Distinguished Citizens program. Seniors are invited to monthly fine arts events at the school, including the Holiday Breakfast and Craft Fair in December and a luncheon and the musical "Oklahoma" in May.

The first event of the school year is a reception and fall band concert which will be held the evening of Wednesday, October 10. Activities are free-of-charge to all qualified participants. Itasca Bank & Trust Co. is a generous sponsor of this community program.

If you're interested in becoming a Lake Park Distinguished Citizen, please call the Lake Park High School Community Relations department at 295-5402.



## EVENTS

**Come to District 13 Educational Foundation's Oktoberfest on October 12**

Bloomington School District 13's Educational Foundation sponsors "Oktoberfest," a Beer & Wine Tasting event on Friday, October 12 from 6:30 – 9 pm. at Bloomington Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road. The charity benefit raises money for the students in District 13. Twice yearly, the Foundation awards grants to teachers for projects and learning materials to enhance the regular school curriculum.

A variety of beers and wines will be available for purchase. Hot and cold hors d'oeuvres will be served. Raffles also available. A \$50 donation per ticket is requested and is tax deductible. Call Mike at 630-894-8500 or email [ticketsales@chicagolegal.com](mailto:ticketsales@chicagolegal.com) to purchase tickets.

**Incarnation Church Hosting Annual Halloween Pumpkin Patch Starting on October 14**

Beginning October 14, Incarnation Church, 261 W. Army Trail Road, hosts its annual Halloween Pumpkin Patch. Hours: Weekdays 4-7 pm & Weekends Noon – 8. Most of the funds earned from pumpkin sales go to the Navaho Indian reservation in New Mexico. A small portion goes for Incarnation's Outreach programs including food pantries and help for transitioning families. The Pumpkin Patch is open through October 31st

**Villagers Club Hosting 'Armchair Safari' on November 1**

The Villagers Club of Bloomington features "Beauty and the Beast," An Armchair Look at a South African Safari on Thursday, November 1 at the Bloomington Public Library. The evening begins at 6:30 pm at the Bloomington Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way. All are invited.

**Find that Perfect Holiday Gift at St. Paul's Arts & Crafts Sale On November 10**

St. Paul's annual Art & Craft sale will be held on Saturday, November 10 from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. Crafts available include everyday items and many holiday items, as well as baked goods, fashion and decorating accessories. St Paul's is located at 118 First Street. Admission is free. Coffee, donuts and a light lunch are available for sale. For more information call 980-9196 weekdays from 9 am to noon.

**Episcopal Church of the Incarnation Celebrating 25th Anniversary**

The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, 261 W. Army Trail Road, is celebrating its 25th anniversary in the Village of Bloomington. In honor of this occasion, they will be hosting the following two events:

- ☐ 25th Anniversary Eucharist and Dinner Celebration at 2pm, November 18, 2007
- ☐ 25th Anniversary Celebration Advent/Christmas Concert -- Flute and harp concert featuring Christmas music on December 2, 2007 (time to be announced)

Anyone interested in either of these events can call the church at 351-3249 or check the website [www.churchofincarnation.org](http://www.churchofincarnation.org)

**Bloomington VFW Sponsoring 'Voice of Democracy' Scholarships**

The Bloomington VFW Post 7539 is offering two scholarships. The "Voice of Democracy" audio essay contest about "My Role in Honoring America's Veterans," offers a \$500 prize (or \$1000 US Savings Bond). The Voice of Democracy is a national audio essay program for our nation's high school students, which annually provides more than \$3 million in college scholarships and incentives to 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th graders across the nation. The winner is eligible for district and possibly state and national prizes.

"Patriot's Pen" gives 6th, 7th and 8th grade students the opportunity to express their opinion on "Why I Am an American Patriot," and improve their writing skills, while they compete for worthwhile awards and prizes. Winner of the VFW 7539 Post prize will receive a check for \$100. Department (state) winners compete for \$70,000 in U.S. Savings Bonds at the national level with the winner receiving a \$10,000 U.S. Savings Bond during the VFW/Ladies Auxiliary Community Service Conference in Washington, D.C., in March each year.

For details and more information, go to [www.vfw7539.org](http://www.vfw7539.org) and click on the appropriate contest. Submission deadline is November 1st.

## Did You Know?

Bloomingtondale is home to one of the five Central DuPage Hospital Convenient Care Centers. With extended hours and walk-in service, the Convenient Care Centers of Central DuPage Hospital are a resource for those times when you can't plan ahead to get to the doctor. For example:

- Minor injury or illness that needs a doctor's attention but doesn't demand the higher-intensity care of the Emergency Room.
- Treatment for people who don't have access to their primary physician
- Medical care after standard business hours, including evenings, weekends and some holidays.
- Walk-in Services include medical care without an appointment, as well as lab tests and x-rays on-site. Mammography and bone density testing do require an appointment which can be made by calling centralized scheduling at (630) 933-5000.

The center is staffed by board-certified physicians, registered nurses and certified technicians. Care for both adults and children is available.

Stratford Convenient Care  
235 Gary Avenue  
(630)893-9600

### Hours:

Monday – Friday 7:30 am – 8:30 pm  
Sat & Sun 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

### Holidays:

Memorial Day 7:30 am – 8:30 pm  
Fourth of July 7:30 am – 4:00 pm  
Labor Day 7:30 am – 8:30 pm

## AFA Hall of Famer

The American Football Association will be holding its annual Semi Pro Football Hall of Fame banquet and Semi Pro Alumni Club meetings during December in Sarasota, Florida. Among the presenters will be resident **Roman E. Strzala**, an AFA Semi Pro Football Hall of Famer - Class of 2002 and Midwest Director of the American Football Association. Started in 1980, the AFA honors players, coaches and officials who made extraordinary contributions to Semi Pro Football.

## Personal Care & Quality Service at Bloomingdale Pharmacy

Founded and family-owned by the Thies family since 1979, Bloomingdale Pharmacy, 156 S. Bloomingdale Road, is the only locally owned independent pharmacy in Bloomingdale. The establishment was the first tenant in Old Town Square back then and has remained an anchor to the center ever since. The store has just undergone a complete remodeling, and both staff and customers are excited about the new look. Among changes is a new "customer friendly" counter, as well as a consultation room to give customers privacy in discussing medical concerns with the pharmacist.

Bloomingdale Pharmacy is now part of the "Health Mart" network, the fastest growing independent franchise in the U.S. "Health Mart" helps independent pharmacies stay competitive, in addition to contracting with managed care services.

Bloomingdale Pharmacy will gladly accept almost all insurance plans. Owner **George Thies** (next generation now) assures residents that only the décor and logo will change. You and your family can continue to expect the same high level of personal care and quality service that you have always received at Bloomingdale Pharmacy.



Pharmacists George Thies and Barbara Robey stand ready to help you with your pharmaceutical needs. (Pharmacist Dennis Nettenstrom not pictured)

## Purrfect Poses and Wet Noses

This whimsical exhibit runs from November 10 through December 20, 2007 at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road. The opening reception will be held on Sunday, November 18th, 2-4 pm

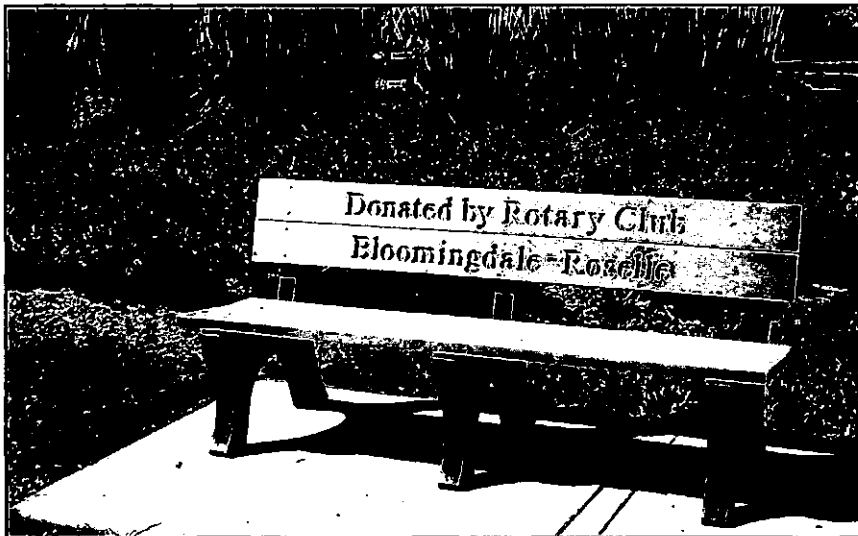
The holiday show will be a "purrfect" combination of rave barks and meows. You will be smitten by the kittens of Ann Fahl's quilt exhibit "Black and White Tales." Her quilts are very colorful and full of her signature free-motion embroidery, machine quilting and include hand beading. Each has a theme and is very unique. You will be bow-wow'd by these picture quilts of the "Dog Lady," Sharon Malec. Sharon is best recognized for her realistic depictions of dogs using her own patterns and her unique "free standing applique."

Charlotte Burgess' whimsical ceramic dogs and cats are truly the "cat's meow." Her unique style is both comical and creative.

The colored pencil "pet-traits" of Frederica Krauss Howard are beautifully executed drawings that reveal her love of line and expressive light and dark. Additionally she will be presenting a drawing workshop "Doodles to Drawing Dogs, etc." on Saturday, November 17 and Saturday, December 1. Call the museum at 539-3096 for further details.

## Do you think your pet is the cutest?

Enter a photo contest held in conjunction with the "Purrfect Pose & Wet Noses exhibit mentioned above. Send your photo/snapshot (4"x6") or larger to the Bloomingdale Park District Museum at 108 S. Bloomingdale Road by Friday, October 26. Call the museum at 539-3096 for details, registration form and fee information. All entries will be on display during the show. Prizes will be awarded at the reception.



**Thanks, Rotary!** As part of the Bloomingdale-Roselle Rotary's 10th anniversary celebration on September 22, the organization formally dedicated a bench which they gave to the Village of Bloomingdale earlier this year. The bench, which is located on the south side of Lake Street by the bridge crossing over Lake Street near Rosedale Road, was installed prior to the anniversary so it could be used this summer.

The location is somewhat symbolic, as the bridge (pedestrian overpass) is between Bloomingdale and Roselle and close to the half-way point of the stretch of Lake Street that the Rotary Club covers on behalf of the Adopt-A-Highway program.

## Keep Your Trick or Treaters Safe & Happy This Halloween

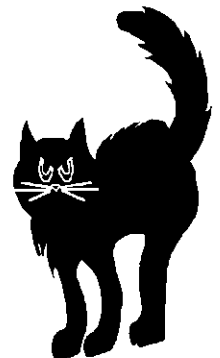
- ☐ NO candy should be eaten until it has been inspected by an adult.
- ☐ Discard any unwrapped items.
- ☐ Check all food wrappers for signs of tampering.
- ☐ Keep costumes simple. Costumes should be made of light, brightly colored or reflective material, so that your trick-or-treater can be easily seen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

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

**WELCOME**  
Bloomingdale is a  
**CRIME WATCH**  
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We immediately report  
all suspicious activities  
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# 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 BUSINESS

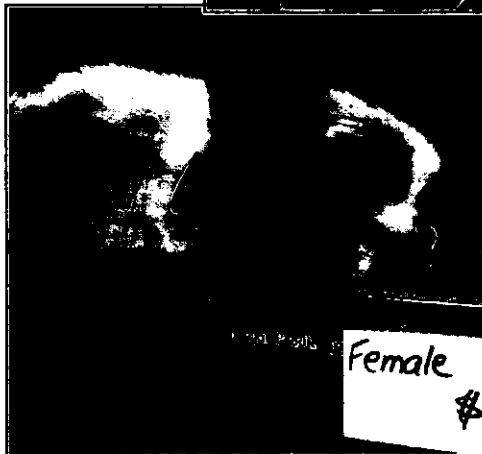
**A PRO AUTO DETAIL:** If you're looking for convenient, expert auto detailing, Joe Vallerugo of A Pro Auto Detail will come to you. A Pro offers mobile, on-the-spot, services at your home or work, including machine buff wax, tar removal, wheel and tire cleaning, and complete interior cleaning including carpet shampoo and vinyl shine.

"Your satisfaction is guaranteed," says Vallerugo, a longtime Bloomingdale resident. "We offer experience and pride in workmanship. And no one else comes to you."

A Pro Auto Detail is available Monday through Sunday, sunrise to sunset. Vallerugo's service area is roughly bordered by Barrington, Elmhurst, Naperville and St. Charles. For an appointment, call (630) 728-0737.

**FIN-TASTIC AQUATICS PET CENTRE** opened in February in the former Petland location, 342 W. Army Trail Road, Suite 120, in the Bloomingdale Court shopping center. "We're an old-fashioned, anything-you-need-for-your-pet store," says Sandy Hilliard, who owns the store with her son David. Both have worked in the pet industry in Bloomingdale for about 10 years.

Fin-tastic Aquatics has puppies, kittens, fish and fish tanks, and small animals, but also offers exotic animals such as Siberian chipmunks, hedgehogs, chinchillas, ferrets and supergliders which are pouchless marsupials similar to flying squirrels.



## NEW BUSINESS (continued)

The store carries holistic dog and cat food such as Innova & Evo, Canidae and Solid Gold. Grooming for dogs and cats is available. Fin-tastic offers a pet club program that gives members 15 to 20 percent off certain items, and recently began offering financing.

Hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call (630) 924-1201. Stop in and visit the four white store cats and Chippy, the store chipmunk.

## BONAVENTURE MEDICAL GROUP -- BLOOMINGDALE

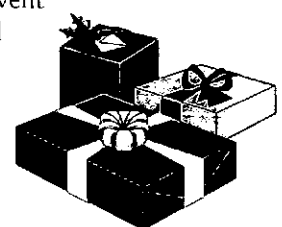
Medical care for the whole family is available at Bonaventure Medical Group—Bloomingdale located at 473 Army Trail Road (Suite 106), just west of Gary Avenue. Maria Chacon-Horn, M.D., and Asma Ayub, M.D., each in practice for about five years, are both board certified in Family Practice.

The office is accepting new patients—from newborn to geriatric—and is in network with most medical insurance plans. Languages spoken include Spanish, Urdu and English. Bonaventure Medical Group is affiliated with Alexian Brothers Medical Center.

Hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Tuesday from Noon to 7:30 p.m. The office will also be open one Saturday each month. For more information or an appointment, call (630) 980-1967.

## STRATFORD SQUARE'S 5TH ANNUAL 'NIGHT OF GIVING' KICKS OFF THE HOLIDAY SEASON ON NOVEMBER 18

The 5th annual Night of Giving will be held at Stratford Square Mall on Sunday, November 18 from 6:30-10 p.m. This popular charity shopping event kicks off the holiday season, and most importantly, gives local non-profit organizations the opportunity to sell the \$5 tickets to the event and keep 100% of the proceeds!



# Off the Shelf

## BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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### NEW AT YOUR LIBRARY!

Over the last few months the Library has been going through some exciting changes including: a new Adult Services Reference Desk, new Circulation Desk, comfortable seating in the Adult Services area, and an addition of a time and print management system to both the Adult and Youth Computer Labs. Additionally, the Library has a new web address. You can find us at [www.mybpl.org](http://www.mybpl.org).

The Board and Staff of the Library would like to thank you for your patience and cooperation throughout the entire interior renovation process. We look forward to celebrating the completion of the renovation project with everyone at the annual Holiday Open House on Tuesday, November 27, 2007.



### THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY HOURS

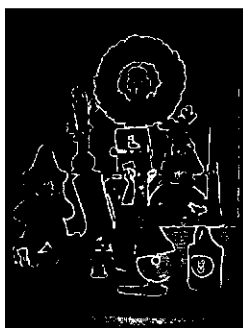
Wednesday, November 21	Library closes at 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 22	- LIBRARY CLOSED -
Friday, November 23	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 24	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 25	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

Halloween Party	October 27
Holiday Open House	November 27
Polar Express	December 2
Breakfast/Brunch with Santa	December 8

### CRAFT SHOW



The Friends of the Bloomington Public Library are sponsoring a craft show at the Library on October 20 and 21. Over a thousand locally designed and handcrafted high-quality gift and seasonal crafts for Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas will be available for sale. The selection will include baby and juvenile items, table dressings and home decor items, stockings and ornaments, gourd arrangements and pine cone wreaths, wall hangings, and many more one-of-a-kind items.

The craft show will be held in the lower level meeting rooms. Hours will be 9:00 - 4:30 on Saturday, October 20 and 1:00 - 4:30 on Sunday, October 21. All proceeds will benefit the Friends of the Library.

## Youth Services Department

# YOUTH FALL PROGRAMS

### STORYTIMES

Programs for children ages three months through five years.

#### REGISTRATION INFORMATION/REQUIREMENTS FOR FALL STORYTIME PROGRAMS

Romper Rhymes and Budding Readers require registration for the fall session. 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 calling 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.

All other Storytimes will be drop-in, with no registration required.

*Fall Programming begins the week of October 8 and ends the week of November 12.*



**ROMPER RHYMES** (3 months - 15 months)  
Tuesdays, October 9 - November 13  
9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
Registration is 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, October 9 - November 13  
11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
Registration is 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)  
Mondays, October 8 - November 12  
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
Registration is not 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.

### THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

The Bloomingdale Public Library staff would like to thank the seventeen teens who volunteered their time and talents during the summer reading program and at the Ice Cream Social. These great young people worked a total of 119.75 hours, and they all were of tremendous help in making the Summer Reading Program a success.

**PRESCHOOL STORYTIME** (Ages 3 - 5)  
Wednesdays, October 10 - November 14  
1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Registration is not 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.



**TELLING TALES WITH YOGA**  
(Ages 3 through grade K)  
Thursdays, October 11 - November 15  
No class on October 18  
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
Registration is not 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.

**FAMILY STORYTIME** (All ages)  
Fridays, October 12 - November 16  
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
Registration is not required.

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.



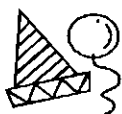
**BEDTIME STORIES** (All ages)  
Tuesdays, October 9 - November 13  
7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

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 YOUTH FALL PROGRAMS

### MISSION READ SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Summer Reading Program. A total of 611 children registered for the program and earned prizes based on the amount of time they spent reading. Thank you again to the Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library, local businesses, and the *Daily Herald* and its "Big Ticket" program for their donations of prizes. They all helped make the Summer Reading Program a success.



#### **PARTY AT POOH CORNER (Ages 3-5)**

**Tuesday, October 16**

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

**Registration is required**

Join us in the 100 acre wood, as we celebrate with Pooh. We'll have games, a craft, and some yummy in your tummy treats. We will welcome Pooh and his friends to our new space.



#### **KIDSQUARE (All ages)**

**Wednesday, October 17, at Stratford Square Mall**

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

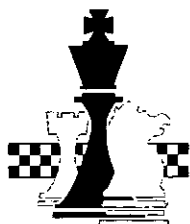
Don't forget to join us for stories and songs when we host KidSquare at the Stratford Square Mall.



### **VOLUNTEENS**

**(Grades 7-12)**

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 work 2-4 hours per month with the Bloomingdale Library's Youth Service staff preparing crafts, keeping the library tidy, and helping with special projects. If you are interested in being a VolunTEEN during the fall semester, please contact Tiffany Torbeck, VolunTEEN Coordinator, at 630-924-2745 or email [ttorbeck@mybpl.org](mailto:ttorbeck@mybpl.org), to schedule a time for a short interview. There are a limited number of positions available, so stop by or call today!



### **CHESS CLUB**

**(Ages 8 and up)**

**Mondays,  
October 8 - November 26  
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

No registration required, come on by to find other people to play against, get started learning the game, grow your skills through lessons and practice, or to have fun with tournaments and team games. All experience levels welcome.

### **CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK**

**NOVEMBER 12 - 18**

#### **ENTER A CONTEST!**

During Children's Book Week, stop by the YS Reference Desk and take your best guess at our Children's Book Week Contest! The closest guessers win a gift card for Barnes and Noble!

#### **FOOD DRIVE!**

The YS Staff loves to feed your need to read, and now we want your help in feeding the community! Help make a difference for a needy family this holiday season by bringing non-perishable items to the YS Desk any time during Children's Book Week. All donations will be brought to the Bloomingdale Township Food Pantry.



#### **ZOO ORNAMENT WORKSHOP!**

**Monday, November 12**

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

**Registration is required.**

Once again the Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library will be co-sponsoring the Bloomingdale Public Library Community Tree at the Brookfield Zoo. You are invited to come create a craft that will be on display on the Friends of the Library tree at Brookfield Zoo. The families of all who have created ornaments are invited to come and decorate the tree on Saturday, November 17, 2007 from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Please register at the Youth Services Reference Desk, or call the Youth Services Department at 924-2740.

#### **FAMILY READ NIGHT!**

**Thursday, November 15**

**Registration is not required**

Bring your family to the library on Thursday, November 15 between 5:00 and 8:30 p.m. to read your favorite book or to find a new favorite! While you're here, make a feather to dress up our resident gobbler.



## Adult Services Department

# ADULT FALL PROGRAMS

## ADULT PROGRAMS

*All programs are free and open to everyone.  
Please call the Adult Services desk to register, (630) 924-2730 unless noted otherwise.*



### AROUND THE WORLD IN 60 MINUTES

**Wednesday, October 10**

**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.

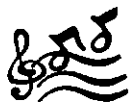


### LAUGHING YOUR WAY TO WELLNESS

**Wednesday, October 17**

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

Join Colleen Caron, certified laugh therapist, in this light-hearted presentation that will demonstrate the therapeutic value of humor. She will also discuss the benefits of humor in the workplace and in family situations. Sponsored by Alexian Behavioral Health Hospital. Registration required. Call AlexianConnects at 1-866-ALEXIAN (253-9426). Program at library.



### BYE BYE LOVE: THE FOREVERLYS

**Wednesday, October 24**

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

The ForEverlys, an Everly Brothers tribute band, will take a musical tour through the careers of Phil and Don Everly. Join us for an evening of their hit songs, including "Bye Bye Love" and "When Will I Be Loved". This enthusiastic band will also share trivia and information about the Everly Brothers and the '50s and '60s.



### UNDERSTANDING RAMADAN

**Thursday, October 25**

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

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. During this month, Muslims throughout the world fulfill one of the fundamental practices of Islam: fasting. Asra Yousufuddin will discuss the basics of fasting during this month. Before the night's end, participants will have the opportunity to experience how she breaks her fast by trying some traditional Pakistani foods.



### CHANGES TO MEDICARE PART D

**Thursday, November 1**

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

Dan Cantu, of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois, will present an overview and update of the Prescription Drug Benefits approved under the Medicare Modernization and Improvement Act of 2003. During this informative session, Cantu will explain the Part D- Prescription Drug Benefit including eligibility, enrollment, benefits, and cost sharing, as well as changes made for 2007. After the session, Cantu will answer questions and provide helpful handouts and other reference materials.



### SENIOR SERVICES FAIR AND PANEL DISCUSSION

**Monday, November 12**

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

The Senior Resource Alliance of Chicagoland and the Bloomingdale Public Library will present a Senior Health Fair and Panel Discussion for seniors, retirees, and their caregivers. Investment and retirement planning, rehabilitation and nursing care, guardianship, home health care, retirement communities, funeral pre-planning, and elder law will be discussed. Light refreshments will be served.



### HOLIDAY EATING

**Wednesday, November 14**

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

Is weight gain inevitable during the holiday season? Mary Cran, Alexian Brothers Medical Center's dietitian, will present ways to maintain a healthy lifestyle during the hectic holiday season. Tips include: planning ahead for parties, eating in moderation, choosing healthy fats, and making time for exercise. Portion sizes and healthy snack ideas are discussed along with helpful, easy recipes to include in your plan for those busy shopping days. Registration required. Call AlexianConnects at 1-866-ALEXIAN (253-9426). Program at library.



### MARS: MYSTERIES AND MISSIONS

**Thursday, November 15**

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

James Kovac, a Solar System Ambassador of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California, will present the history of the Mars Rover mission and its search for evidence of water on Mars. Kovac will also compare the geology of Earth and Mars, and discuss some of the ongoing questions and mysteries of the solar system.



### HOLIDAY MUSIC

**Sunday, December 16**

**Main Level**

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

Rabbit Ears, a guitar and flute duo, will play your favorite holiday tunes on the main level of the library. Registration is not required. Just come on by the library, read a magazine, check out movies, or just sit and enjoy the music! Refreshments will be served.

## MISSION READ! SUMMER READING PROGRAM

We definitely accomplished our mission this summer! We had a large increase in participation in the summer reading program this year with 151 adults and 101 teens registered, who read a total of 1719 books! Thanks to all who registered for the program and to our local sponsors who provided many wonderful prizes.



## Adult Services Department

# ADULT FALL PROGRAMS

### ADULT BOOK GROUP

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

**October 17 and 18**  
*Second Honeymoon*  
by Joanna Trollope

**November 14 and 15**  
*Dirt Music*  
by Tim Winton

### HISTORICAL BOOK GROUP

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

**October 2**  
*Roanoke, the Abandoned Colony*  
by Karen Ordahl Kupperman

**November 6**  
*The Flag, the Poet and the Song:  
The Story of the Star-Spangled Banner*  
by Irvin Molotsky

**December 4**  
*Black Hawk: The Battle for the Heart of America*  
by Kerry A. Trask

### YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS



**TEEN GAME NIGHT**  
(Teens 7th - 12th grades)  
Thursday, October 11  
6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
&  
Thursday, November 8  
6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Experience gaming on our big screen! Thrash to Guitar Hero, groove to DDR, or get interactive with our Wii! Bring your friends and enjoy free food! Registration not necessary, just stop on by!



**ANIME CLUB**  
(Teens 7th - 12th grades)  
Wednesday, October 24  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
&  
Tuesday, November 20  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Enjoy various anime series at your library! Help plan new anime and manga events, suggest new anime to watch, make anime/manga themed decorations for our YA Spot holiday tree, and eat some great snacks. Please register in person at the Reference Desk or by phone at 924-2730.

### TEEN READ WEEK

**October 14 - 20**  
(Teens 7th - 12th grades)



#### GUESS THE CANDY CONTEST

Stop by the Reference Desk during Teen Read Week and guess the amount of candy in the jar. The closest guesser will win the jar of candy and 2 free video rental coupons from the library.

#### COLOR CHANGING SOLAR BRACELETS

**Monday, October 15**  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

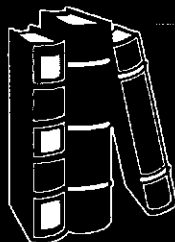
Make fashionable bracelets using UV-sensitive beads, charms, and other fun accessories. When exposed to the sun, the UV beads will change color! This program is limited to twenty teens. Please register in person at the Reference Desk or by phone at 924-2730.

#### TWILIGHT SERIES BOOK DISCUSSION

**Thursday, October 18**  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Think Bella would be better off with Jacob the werewolf? Or certain that Bella should stay with Edward the vampire? Join us for snacks and discussion of the vampire love series (*Twilight*, *New Moon*, and *Eclipse*). Limited copies of *Twilight* will be available at the Reference Desk. Please register in person at the Reference Desk or by phone at 924-2730.

### BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP NEWS



Have you ever considered joining a book group? Our book groups always welcome new members. Books are available approximately one month in advance at the Circulation Desk. If you have any questions, please call 924-2730.

### LOOKING FOR A GOOD BOOK?



Looking for a new and interesting book to read? Our NextReads email service can help. You can sign up for up to twenty different email newsletters which will highlight new fiction including mysteries, romance, historical fiction, and fantasy, as well as nonfiction subjects such as armchair travel, biographies, self help or business. Some newsletters are distributed monthly, and the remainder are bi-monthly. To sign up for this new service visit the Books, Movies, Music page on our website and look for the NextReads logo.

## Computer Services Department

# COMPUTER FALL PROGRAMS

Computer classes are recommended for ages 13 and older. There is a \$10.00 refundable deposit for each class, due at the time of registration. Classes are limited to twelve participants. Please register in the Business Office of the Library, beginning **Monday, October 1, 2007**.

### PLEASE NOTE

Deposits will not be refunded unless cancellations are made at least 24 hours in advance of the class start time.



## **BEGINNER'S COMPUTER COURSE**

**Please note: This course requires a \$60 deposit and attendance at 5 classes to receive a full refund.**

Tuesday,	November 6	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Friday,	November 9	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday,	November 13	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Friday,	November 16	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday,	November 20	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Friday,	November 30	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

**Instructor: Sean**

This new six session course will provide the basic tools needed for the areas of computer use that people are most interested in. Getting comfortable with Windows and the mouse while learning about the Internet, email, word processing and printing will be the primary focus.

This course is intended for anyone, whether they're interested in refreshing old skills or have never touched a computer before. Much of the class will be devoted to questions and all topics will include hands-on practice. (No previous experience necessary.)

### USING THE INTERNET

**Friday October 12, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Instructor: Sean**

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

### INTRODUCTION TO MICROSOFT WORD

**Monday October 15, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Instructor: Chris**

This class will be aimed at those with little or no experience using Microsoft Word. Topics such as creating and saving files, formatting, and editing documents will be covered. There will be time available for questions and specific problems related to Microsoft Word.

### USING POWERPOINT

**Tuesday October 16, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

**Instructor: Chris**

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

### INTRODUCTION TO EXCEL

**Wednesday October 17, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

**Instructor: Sean**

This class will cover the basic concepts creating and using spreadsheets. Entering information, editing and formatting data, sorting, filtering, and basic functions will all be discussed. (Having taken Introduction to using Microsoft Word or equivalent experience is recommended.)

### USING EMAIL

**Friday October 19, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Instructor: Sean**

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

### USING PUBLISHER

**Tuesday October 23, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

**Instructor: Chris**

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

### INTERMEDIATE EXCEL

**Wednesday October 24, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

**Instructor: Sean**

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

### VIRUS/SPYWARE PROTECTION

**Wednesday November 7, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

**Instructor: Sean**

This course will examine the problems caused to computers by Viruses, Spy-Ware, Pop-Ups, and other malicious programs; while discussing ways to avoid and remove them if necessary. (Having taken Introduction to the Personal Computer & Introduction to the Internet is recommended.)

### WINDOWS XP

**Monday November 12, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Instructor: Chris**

This class will examine the new features of Windows XP that casual users are likely to notice and would have the opportunity to take advantage of. Will also illustrate specific differences between XP and older versions of Windows to help users adapt to the changes. (Having taken Introduction to the Personal Computer or equivalent experience is recommended.)

## FALL PROGRAMS



### Congratulations to Quilt Raffle Winner!

The Quilt Club Raffle was able to raise \$995 to benefit the Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library. Congratulations to our patron, Lisa Berkshire, who won the beautiful handmade quilt. We hope you enjoy it Lisa!

Congratulations to Donna Ricco, who won the Sunshine Serenade raffle held at the last gazebo concert on Friday, August 17.

Donna won a \$50.00 gift certificate to Stratford Square Shopping Center for attending all three gazebo concerts this summer.



Donna Ricco (right) with Library staff member Laura McIninch

### LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF DUPAGE

Literacy Volunteers of DuPage will be holding a series of training sessions at the Library for tutors interested in teaching adult learners. Tutors help other adults with their English literacy skills, at a time and place convenient for both tutor and learner.

Dates: October 29, November 1, 5, 8, 12, 26

Times: 6:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

To register, or to inquire about other upcoming tutor training courses or for more information, call Literacy Volunteers of DuPage at 416-6699.

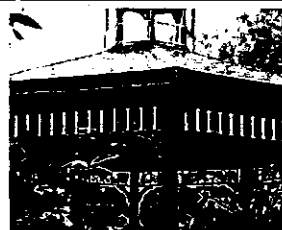
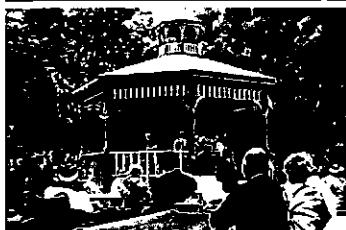


### RESEARCH ESSENTIALS

Would you like to learn more about our website, computer catalog, or online databases? Do you have a research question or a paper due and don't know where to begin? One-hour appointments are available to meet with one of our reference librarians. We 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 Keating for an appointment at 924-2733.



**THANKS TO ALL WHO ATTENDED THIS YEAR'S  
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# EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Everyone is invited to attend the 19th Annual



## HALLOWEEN PARTY

at the

**Bloomington Public Library**  
**Saturday, October 27, 2007**  
**1:00-3:30 p.m.**

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

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

**Children are encouraged to wear costumes.**

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

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

Please call the Youth Services Reference Desk  
at 924-2740 to register for this event.



10th Annual

## POLAR EXPRESS

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

We'll meet at the Roselle Train Station at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday,  
December 2 for a trip to the North Pole (Elgin Train Station).  
We'll have a storyteller, treats, caroling, and pick up a special  
visitor at the North Pole (Elgin Train Station).

**Tickets are \$9.00 for adults and  
\$7.00 for children (eleven and under).**

You may purchase tickets in person beginning at  
**9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 6, 2007,**  
in the Business Office.

### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING POLAR EXPRESS TICKET SALES FOR 2007:

Due to the increased popularity of this event, ticket sales for  
Polar Express will be limited to Bloomington residents  
(with a valid photo id) who may purchase a  
**maximum of SIX tickets** per family.

Groups wishing to sit within the same train car will need to  
purchase tickets at the same time. Due to the seating  
configuration on the train cars, some passengers may be  
seated in the upper level of the train car. Furthermore, there is  
**no guarantee** that groups who purchase tickets together  
will be seated next to each other.

14th Annual

## BREAKFAST/BRUNCH WITH SANTA

Children of all ages and their families are invited to attend the 14th Annual Breakfast/Brunch with Santa  
to be held at the Bloomington Golf Club on Saturday, December 8, 2007.

This event is sponsored by the Bloomington Public Library and the Bloomington Golf Club.  
Breakfast and Brunch will be held at the Bloomington Golf Club:  
**181 Glen Ellyn Road in Bloomington**

**Saturday, December 8**

### **Breakfast**

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

(Food will be served from 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.)  
(Activities will be offered from 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.)

### **Brunch**

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

(Food will be served from 11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.)  
(Activities will be offered 12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.)



**Tickets will be available at the Library on Saturday, October 6, beginning at 9:00 a.m.**  
The cost of the breakfast is \$13.00 per adult, \$10.00 per child (ages 4-12), and free for kids under age 4  
(a ticket is required). Checks may be made payable to the Bloomington Public Library.

Sorry, we cannot accept credit/debit cards.

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

## EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

### SNOWMAN CROSSING



The Bloomingdale Public Library and the Village of Bloomingdale are pleased to announce the Ninth Annual Community Decorated Holiday Tree Program. The holiday trees will be displayed along the sidewalk at the Library. Twenty holiday trees will be available. The Library and the Village are inviting community groups, classes, and clubs to participate by decorating a tree between November 21 and November 26, 2007. Trees must be decorated by Monday, November 26, 2007, for the Library/Village Tree Lighting Ceremony. The ceremony will be held on Tuesday, November 27, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. outside the Library.

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

Decorating may not begin until Wednesday, November 21 and must be completed by Monday, November 26, 2007.

Groups must remove their own ornaments from their tree. Decorations must be removed from the trees between Friday, December 28, 2007 and Tuesday, January 1, 2008. Beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 2, 2008, all remaining decorations will be removed and discarded from trees in preparation for chipping (chipped trees are used as mulch throughout the Village). **PLEASE NOTE: Ornaments will not be saved.**

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

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

We are very excited about the Ninth Annual Community Decorated Holiday Tree program. If you have any questions and/or wish to participate, please contact Jennifer Slavick in the Business Office at (630) 924-2721.

The Bloomingdale Public Library and the Village of Bloomingdale

*Cordially invite you to attend our*

### **19th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and Holiday Open House**

**Tuesday, November 27, 2007  
6:30 - 9:00 p.m.**

#### **Activities**

6:30-7:00 p.m.

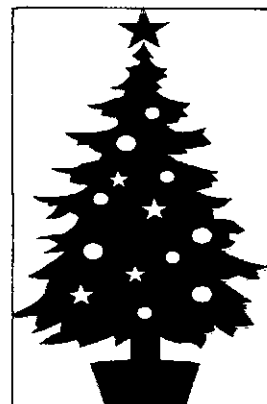
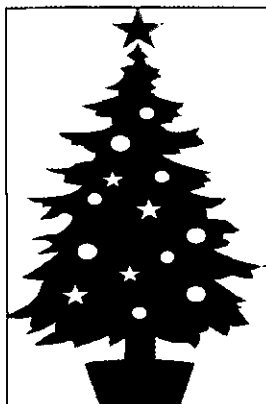
Community/Village Tree Lighting Ceremony

7:00-9:00 p.m.

Various activities:

Children's crafts, musical performers, and refreshments.

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





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# HALLOWEEN Happening

Friday, October 26th 6:30 - 9:30pm  
Johnston Recreation Center

JOIN US FOR THE ULTIMATE HALLOWEEN EXPERIENCE...

...where you will find scary but fun games including a moonwalk, haunted hayride,  
magic by mike, face painting, pumpkin decorating contest, trick or treat trail oasis-style  
and much more!

Don't forget to purchase your wristbands. BUY 'EM EARLY AND SAVE!

AVAILABLE: Beginning OCT 1st, for kids \$5.00 / adults \$2.00 & on Oct 26th, for kids \$7.00 / adults \$3.00



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## Dinner with Drac!

Come celebrate Halloween with the zany Wacky Drac as we dine on ghoulish pizza and sip vampire juice. After dinner, Wacky Drac will entertain us with his legendary music and songs and tell you some of his favorite Halloween tales! Children are invited to wear a Halloween costume. This is a family event. ALL persons must register.

Location: JRC Gym

Instructor: Staff

MIN/MAX: 40/200

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
2-11	Tu	06:30-08:00P	10/30-10/30	\$8/13	104603-A1

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY 2007

October 20; 9:00am-Noon  
Springfield Park

Make A Difference Day is the most encompassing national day of helping others — a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors. Everyone can participate. Make A Difference Day is an annual event that takes place each October. Bloomington will participate in this year's Make a Difference Day on Saturday, October 20, 2007. Help beautify Springfield Park by removing invasive plants and collecting seeds. Other activities include; painting a ceramic tile for a mural, cleaning up Springfield Park, and planting flower pots for local nursing home residents. Service groups, local businesses, scouts, families, and individuals are welcome to participate. All participants will receive a t-shirt. Please call the Bloomington Park District, 630-529-3650 to register for this event or



download a registration form at [www.bloomingtonparks.org](http://www.bloomingtonparks.org).

172 S. Circle Avenue, Bloomington, IL 60108  
p. 630.529.3650 mon-thur 8:30am-7:00pm fri 8:30am-4:30pm sat 9:00am-1:00pm

## Shopping on State Street

Join us for our popular annual holiday shopping spree to State Street in Chicago! The windows at Macy's will be decorated in their holiday finest, stores will be festooned in their brightest colors, Daley Plaza will be aglow with holiday cheer and the Walnut Room can take your lunch reservation if you so choose. Plan to do all of your holiday shopping with us! Transportation is included in the price; lunch is on your own.



REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 27, 2007.

Location: JRC Parking Lot

MIN/MAX: 3/18

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	Tu	08:45-04:00P	12/04-12/04	\$14/19	103238-A1

## Bavarian Christmas

Experience Christmas in Chicago Bavarian-style on this great tour with About Tours. You will start your day with a visit to the ChristKindlMarket in Daley Plaza. You can shop for German hand-crafted items like ornaments and cuckoo clocks or sip hot chocolate while enjoying the festive atmosphere around the official city Christmas tree, a tradition brought from Germany. You will visit St. Benedict Church, founded by German Catholics in 1902. The beautiful stained glass windows are done in the German baroque style and were created in Munich. You will enjoy seeing the Nativity window as well. Participants will feast on a hearty German lunch at Brauhaus and can stop at the famous German deli for goodies to take home. There is also a wonderful bakery, where you will be tempted by the fine cakes and pastries as well as the bread.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 21, 2007.

Location: JRC Parking Lot

MIN/MAX: 10/15

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	W	09:00-03:00P	12/05-12/05	\$64/74	103246-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 Clara, The Mouse King, 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 soldiers 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 \$25 per person and \$30 Non-Resident per person. Each child, under the age of 12, is \$15 Resident and \$20 Non-Resident per child.

Children and adults can bring their own lunch or purchase lunch at the concession stand.



REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 15, 2007.

Location: JRC Parking Lot

MIN/MAX: 14/40

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	Th	09:30-02:00P	12/20-12/20	\$25/30	103245-A1



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