

Village of Bloomingdale *Almanac*

DECEMBER 2007

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From the Desk of Mayor Bob Iden

It's been a beautiful fall, especially once the leaves began turning. At this time, I want to give you an update on some items of interest to the residents:

Following the August 23 storm which caused major problems all over the Chicagoland area, we became aware that parts of Westlake, Indian Lakes, Heritage at Stratford and Bloomfield Hills had been experiencing significant problems with ComEd outages for weeks and months before that storm. Since then the Village has been working with representatives from these subdivisions to have ComEd respond to the problems, as well as to review the entire community for reliability issues. If you are not in one of the above areas, and have experienced frequent power interruptions, please contact us via phone or email with your address, and as much detail as you can provide as to the outages. Send to the office of the Village Administrator, at wennnd@vil.bloomingdale.il.us, or phone at 630-671-5610.

As a result of the Business Districts formed at Hilton Indian Lakes and Stratford Square Mall earlier this year, both these entities will see a one percent increase (to 8.25 percent) in the sales tax collected beginning January 1, 2008. Hilton Indian Lakes will also see a one percent increase in their room tax, from five to six percent. The six percent room tax and the additional one percent sales tax collected at Hilton Indian Lakes will go toward repaying the bonds which were sold for the improvements to the facility.

The Village is currently in the process of negotiating an agreement with the owner of Stratford Square Mall which will assist them in funding the improvements to the mall. In both cases, the bulk of the sales tax is paid by residents of neighboring villages and out-of-towners patronizing the resort and the mall, more so than our residents. In addition, even with the increase in this sales tax, Stratford Square Mall still has a lower sales tax rate than some of the surrounding area malls.

Lastly, I am always being asked about construction going on in the Village. Three such sites are near the intersection of Bloomingdale Road and Lake Street. Just south of the Mobil Station on Bloomingdale Road and north of Four Seasons Amusement is a very nice looking, small brick building which will house professional offices when finished. Just east of the same Mobil, on the corner of Lake and First streets is another building under construction. This one, Olde Towne Shoppes, has two tenant spaces, with the tenants yet to be identified. The third is west on Lake Street, across from North Maple. This building, which is really coming along, will be Nuccio Optometrist and perhaps another commercial tenant.

And now, the holiday season is here once again. Thoughts of family and sharing the spirit are always a part of this time of year. And while the residents of Bloomingdale are traditionally generous about giving to charitable causes, at this time of year many of you are looking for specific ways to make the holidays a little brighter for others too. On page 9, you will find several opportunities to make a difference locally, as well as beyond our borders.

From my family to yours, best wishes for a wonderful holiday season.

Mayor Bob Iden



Mayor Iden once again welcomed Santa to Bloomingdale. (He put in a good word for the kids too!)

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 electronic
message, our
address is:



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

Our website address is:

www.villageofbloomingtondale.org

The deadline for
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of the
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JANUARY 10

Retirement -- Something to Smile About

Bloomingtondale said good-bye to another of its longtime police officers last month.

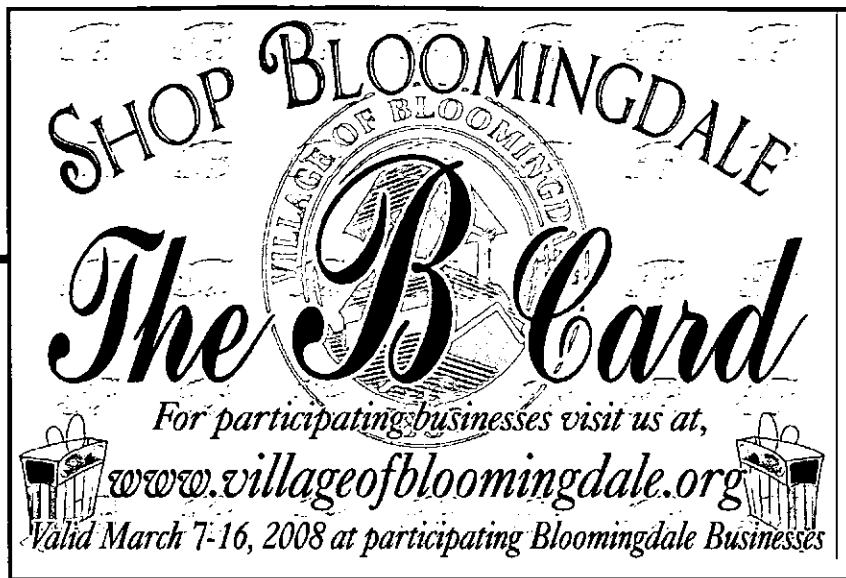
Paul Deibel, 29-year veteran, retired on November 9. He was hired in November 1978 and moved into the detective division in 1985, where he worked for nine years.

Paul was our first D.A.R.E.

officer, serving at least 15 years in that capacity. As a detective he was involved in juvenile cases and public relations programs, such as the Citizen Police Academy and Neighborhood Watch. His quick smile and hearty laugh always made Paul fun to be around. We will miss him and wish him all the best in his retirement.



Police Chief Tim Goergen had some funny stories to tell about Paul at his recent retirement dinner. Paul's fellow officers showed up in force to wish him luck, a tribute to the respect they have for him as a co-worker.



The Bloomingdale B-Card: The Best Business Opportunity in 175 Years

The Business Promotion & Cultural Development (BPCD) Committee has developed a community-wide promotion for Bloomingdale businesses, called the B-Card. The B-Card program will enable 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 is to recognize the 175th anniversary of the founding of Bloomingdale (March 11, 2008), as well as to encourage Bloomingdale residents to Shop Bloomingdale. Use of the B-card will be available to residents at participating businesses for a limited time, from March 7 through March 16, 2008.

All a 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. 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.villageofbloomingtondale.org

The BPCD committee will create and disseminate the B-Card through the February Almanac and selected locations, as well as create a small placard for your business window, to let customers know you are a participating business.

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

Join your fellow business people in taking advantage of the Best Business Opportunity in Bloomingdale in 175 Years! Look who's already jumped on the B-Card opportunity!

ACRE-American Commercial Real Estate Inc.
Angela & Christie Salon & Spa
Bloomingdale Optical
Carpet Cleaning by Pete
Costco
DPA Laser Services, Inc.
Executive Realty Group
Green Valley Mortgage
Huntington Learning Center
Inner Awareness Hypnosis Center
La Estancia
Lifetime Financial Partners
Marathon Gas Station
Midwest Bank
Pasta Bella
Photography by June
Pizzeria Pronto
Sassy's Originals
Tina Davies, CPA
Turano Bakery

Happy Holidays!

The Village Hall will be closed:

Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25

Monday, December 31 and Tuesday, January 1

for the Christmas and New Year's holidays





A Pile of Snow Shoveling Tips

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

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

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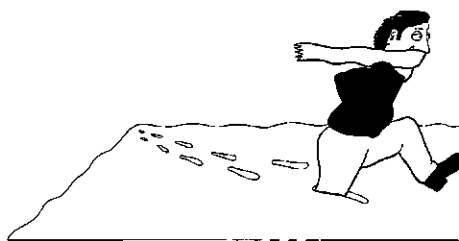
Village's Snow & Ice Teams Are on Duty 24/7 to Keep Streets Safe When Winter's Worst Arrives in Town

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

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

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

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



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

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

Allied Waste System, the Village's refuse hauler, will pick up Christmas trees on your regularly scheduled refuse pick-up day, December 26th through January 25th. Place your Christmas tree in the parkway and follow these simple guidelines:



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

Book on Bloomingdale Due Out in 2008

The first book of the history of Bloomingdale as told in photographs and captions is currently at the publisher. The volume covers Bloomingdale from 1832, the year before its founding until, 1983, the Village's 150th anniversary. This unique look at our past is full of faces and places in Bloomingdale's past and will be available for under \$20. In addition to the images borrowed from the Local History Room at the library, many other photographs have been gathered from current residents.

The Bloomingdale Historical Society has ordered a limited number of copies of the first run of the book. The books, published by Arcadia Publishing, will be available by March 11, 2008, the Village's 175th anniversary. If you are interested in reserving a copy, the BHS is taking pre-orders. Please fill out the form below and mail to the address listed along with a check for \$19.99 for each book ordered.



Bloomingdale Historical Book Order Form

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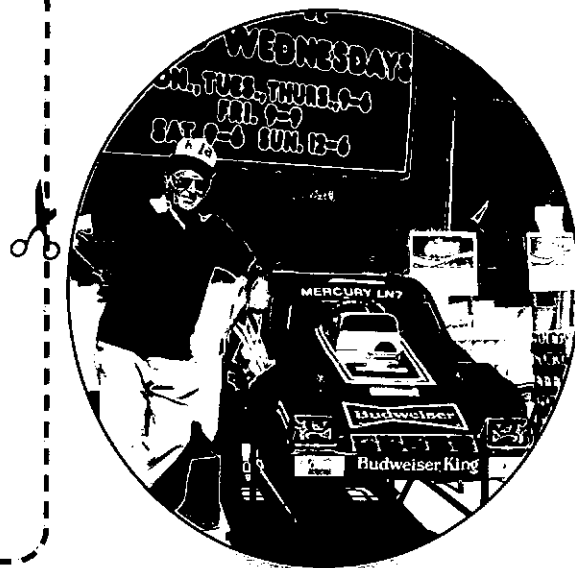
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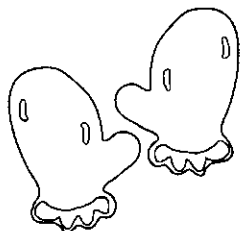
Number of books @ \$19.99 each _____

Please include check made out to Bloomingdale Historical Society

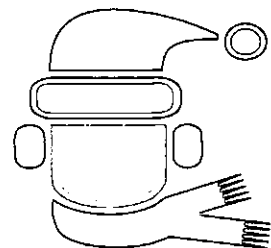
Mail to:
Bonnie Homola/BHS
Bloomingdale Public Library
101 Fairfield Way
Bloomingdale, IL 60108



Dig Out Those Boots & Mittens -- Snow



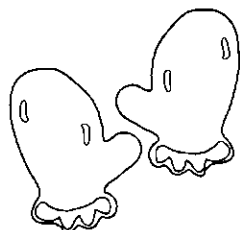
With the seasonal snowfall just around the corner, the Village Services Department, Public Works Division is ready to combat snow and ice on the 148 center lane miles of Village streets, making them safer for motorists.



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

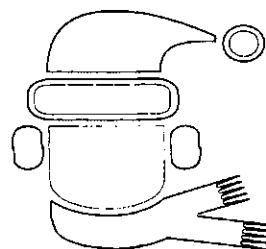
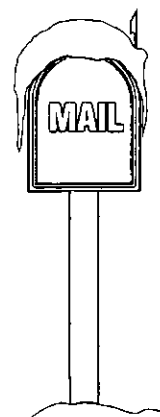
What Are the Village's Parking Regulations When It Snows?

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



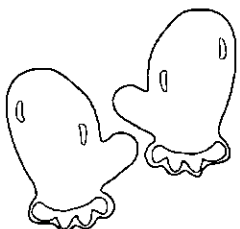
What If a Snowplow Damages My Mailbox?

The Village will replace and/or reimburse a resident up to \$50.00 for a mailbox and post which is damaged as a result of the Village snowplow operations, provided the homeowner notifies the Village of the damage, the Village performs an in-house investigation, and the mailbox is installed per Village setback requirements. If you have questions as to whether or not your mailbox is in compliance with Village requirements, you may contact the Village Services Department -- Street Maintenance Division at 630-671-5800.

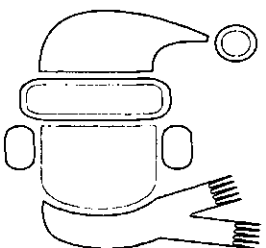


Why Does My Driveway Sometimes Get "Plowed In" When a Snowplow Truck Passes?

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



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



Who Do I Call With Questions About Snow Removal Operations?

Any questions regarding snow removal should be directed to the Village Services Department - Street Division Superintendent at 630-671-5800.

w Season is About to Sneak Up On Us!

Wintertime Words to the Wise

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

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

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

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

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

Additional Snow Removal Information

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

Fire Hydrants

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

Motorists - Stay Back Three Car Lengths

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

Winter Phone Numbers



Village of Bloomingdale

Snow Phone (630) 671-5800

Call this number to report a problem. We regret that it is not possible to advise exactly when your particular street will be plowed.

Village of Bloomingdale

Police Department -

Non-Emergency (630) 529-9868

Call this number for non-emergency general information.

Bloomingdale Fire District -

Emergency 911

Illinois Department of Transportation

**Information Line. . . . 312-DOT-INFO
(312-368-4636)**

Call this number for information on State roads (i.e., Lake Street)

The Illinois Department of Transportation also offers weather/road condition information on their web site:

<http://www.dot.state.il.us/tpublic.html>

Division of Transportation -

DuPage County 630-407-6920

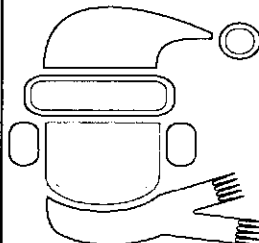
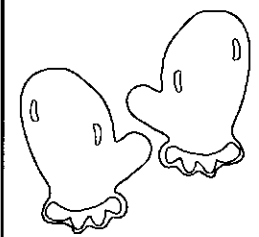
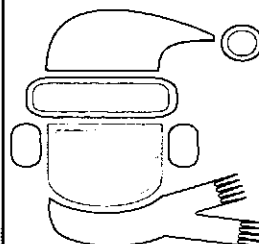
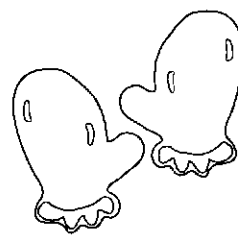
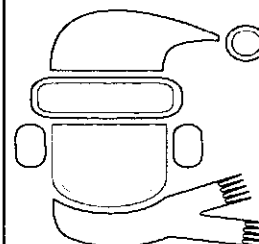
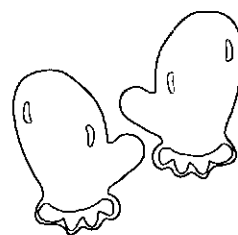
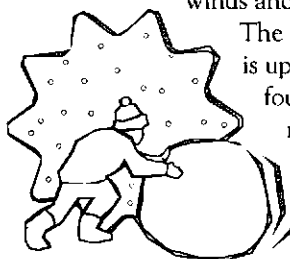
Call this number for information on DuPage County Roads. (i.e., Army Trail Road, Bloomingdale Road, Gary Avenue, Schmale Road)

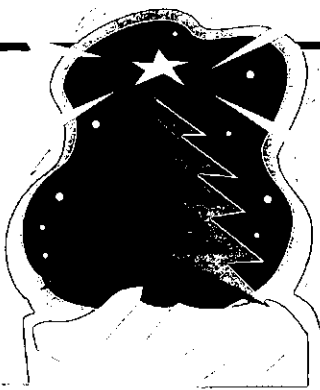
Illinois Tollway Roadway Information

Line 800-865-5394

Call this number for tollway information including problems with fog, snow, ice, high winds and trailer bans.

The information is updated every four hours, or more often if weather conditions warrant.





Winter Gardening Tips **Snow & Ice on Trees and Shrubs**

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

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

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

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

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Six Smart Tips to Help You Drive Safely This Winter

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

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

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

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

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

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

Share the Spirit of the Holidays

With the holiday season upon us, many residents look for opportunities to help others less fortunate. For the last few years, DuPage County has compiled a guide featuring 65 different agencies with their specific holiday needs to help make "giving back" as easy as possible for everyone. Family and youth-friendly activities are highlighted. The guide can be viewed or downloaded at www.givingdupage.org. The website also features an interactive volunteer match where one can search for opportunities throughout the year by zip code, area of interest and type of volunteer opportunity. "Giving DuPage" hopes that the holiday season brings peace and happiness to our residents and hopes that the spirit of generosity is alive and well in our community year-round.

Here are some of the local opportunities to share the spirit of the season.

Please be an Angel by joining together with the Village of Bloomingdale employees this holiday season in support of the **Salvation Army's Angel Tree Kids**, (ages 10 months through 5 years) attending the Salvation Army's Childcare Program in Chicago. Angel Tree tags identifying each child's gift needs and toy desires are available at the Village Hall. All gifts need to be purchased and returned **un-wrapped** to the Village Hall by Thursday, December 13th. The little angels will receive their gifts before they break for the holidays. If you are interested in participating and would like to be sent a tag, please call Barb Weber at the Village Hall (630) 671-5613.



Bloomingdale Township Sharing Tree - Last year the Volunteer Council of Bloomingdale Township helped make the season brighter for over 750 children in Bloomingdale Township. The Council is asking for help again this holiday season. Names & wishes of local needy youngsters and residents of convalescent and nursing homes will be on the Sharing Tree, located at the Township Transportation Building, 123 Rosedale Road. Wrapped gifts must be returned by December 14.



The Council also notes so many of the "older children," aged 14 - 18, are forgotten each year because they are hard to buy for. They have come up with a suggestion that is both easy and eliminates the guesswork of what to buy. Gift cards are a perfect choice for the older kids. The Transportation Building will be open weekdays 10 - 6, Saturday 10 - 5 and Sunday 11 - 5 through December 14. For more information on the Sharing Tree Program, call Sue at (630) 529-9993.

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



Bloomingdale Park District, 172 S. Circle
Olive Garden, 332 W. Army Trail Road
Pivot Point, 144 E. Lake Street (Springbrook Shopping Center)
Marklund Children's Home, 164 S. Prairie

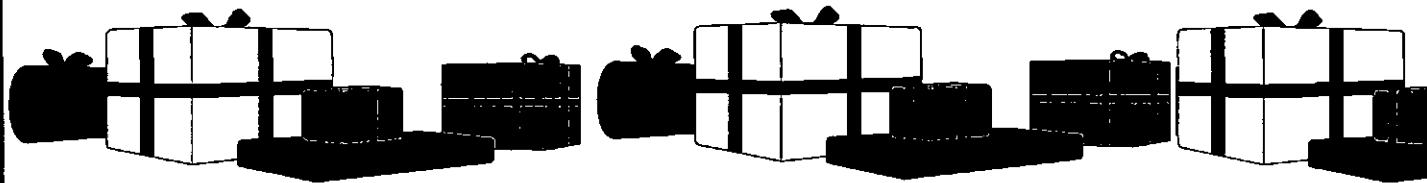
Wrapped gifts, with names attached should be returned to the site where the tag was picked up.



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



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

When it's bitter cold:

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

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

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

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

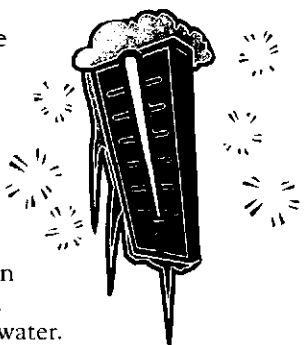
If pipes freeze:

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

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

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

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



Thanks Again, Septemberfest Sponsors

In the October issue, we inadvertently ran an incomplete list of Septemberfest sponsors. With our apologies, we are running the entire list this issue. Thanks to the following:

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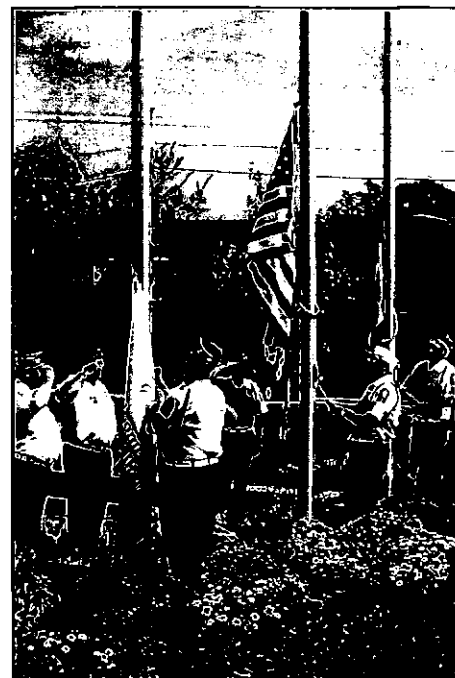
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Santa Arrives at Stratford

Left: Santa is greeted by mall security as the Bloomington Fire Department brings him to Stratford Square.

Right: Mayor Bob Iden and Santa prepare to throw the switch to light all the holiday lights at the mall.





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.

BUSINESS NEWS

BLOOMINGDALE DENTISTS SPONSOR A 'DO A GOOD DEED CONTEST':



Dr. Gilbert Abadilla and the Mayor Bob Iden, with "Do a Good Deed Contest," winner, Adriana Saia, as she holds her iPod and winner certificate.

Bloomington dentists, Drs. Claudio and Sharon Levato, and Dr. Gilbert Abadilla of Comprehensive Dentistry, 183 S. Bloomington Road, sponsored their annual "Do a Good Deed Contest." The contest asked local youths up to age 18 to write a short essay about a good deed they had done and the impact that it had on their life. The "Do a Good Deed Contest" rewards winners for good deeds performed to ultimately encourage youths to do good deeds for their community.

Dr. Gilbert Abadilla and the Mayor of Bloomington, Bob Iden, recently presented 16 year-old Adriana Saia, resident of Bloomington and St. Francis High School student, with an iPod as her prize for winning the contest. Adriana's good deed was joining her church for a week to help completely rebuild a family's house destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.

Adriana continues to devote quality time for turkey drives, making blankets for people in other countries who have nothing, being a counselor for a kid's bible camp, working for the Public Action to Deliver Shelter, and other service projects for her youth group.

LOW VISION SERVICES NOW OFFERED AT WOHL EYE CENTER:

Millions of Americans lose some portion of their vision every year. Some eye conditions that cause low vision include macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, cataracts and glaucoma. Wohl Eye Center in Bloomington now offers low vision rehabilitation services to help visually impaired people make better use of their remaining vision. "Once we have tried all medical treatment options, there are therapies and devices that can help patients have functional daily vision," says practice manager Judy O'Hara.

Wohl Eye Center will conduct a low vision evaluation—including a thorough eye exam and in-depth evaluation of the patient's daily needs—to determine the most appropriate low vision therapy and vision aids. If needed, a specially-trained occupational therapist may evaluate the patient at home. "People with low vision no longer have to travel long distances to receive these services," O'Hara says.

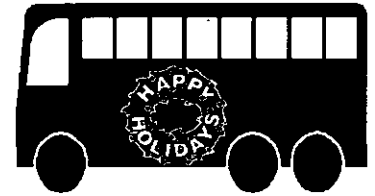
Residency-trained in low vision rehabilitation, Dr. Jenna Lee recently joined Wohl Eye Center. She received her Doctorate of Optometry in 2006 from the Illinois College of Optometry. She completed her dual residency in Low Vision Rehabilitation and Ocular Disease at the Deicke Center, Lighthouse for the Blind in Chicago and the Illinois College of Optometry.

Open since 1990, Wohl Eye Center is located in the Glen Oaks Medical Center at 303 E. Army Trail Road, just east of Glen Ellyn Road. For more information or an appointment, call (630) 351-2030 or visit www.wohleyecenter.com.

AVIVA BEAL JOINS CENTURY 21 LULLO IN BLOOMINGTON:

After 25 years of working as a consultant in the field of nutrition, Aviva Beal decided it was time to do something else. She recently joined the realty office of Century 21 Lullo in Bloomington. Aviva is a longtime resident with a history of community involvement and a penchant for helping others. Combined with her ability to make friends wherever she goes, this new career seems like a natural. She agrees there is the "helping people" aspect of real estate. "You see people in different situations, needing to make a change for whatever the individual reason. It's a great feeling to help people get into a home that is a perfect fit for them." It looks like a perfect fit for Aviva too; despite the housing market situation, she has been very busy. To talk to her about your housing needs, call Aviva at 630-740-5165.

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



The Village of Bloomingdale will again be offering Expanded Weekend Dial-A-Ride hours during the holiday season from Saturday, November 24th through Sunday, December 30th. The Holiday Weekend Service will run from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays and 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sundays.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Keep Your Holiday Season Happy and Safe

"Are you ready for the Holidays?" Thanksgiving Day dinner is quickly enjoyed, followed by the Christmas shopping workout. Safety should be carefully considered at all times, but particularly now when so many will be shopping for those large purchases or for those few last minute items. During this hectic time of the year, the following safety measures can help to ensure the protection of your belongings and your personal well being.

While Shopping . . .

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



At home . . .

- ✓ Secure doors and windows at all times.
- ✓ Make your home appear to be occupied; use timers on lights, radio, and T.V.
- ✓ Do not advertise vacation plans with strangers or casually with businesses you may frequent.
- ✓ Ask a friend or relative to check on things while you are away.
- ✓ Notify the police department of the dates you will be away.

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



Adventist Glen Oak's Hospital's New 'No Waiting Room' Emergency Department Provides More Immediate Treatment for Patients

"This is an exciting time in our history," said Brinsley Lewis, president and CEO of Adventist GlenOaks Hospital. "Adventist GlenOaks Hospital is setting a new standard by opening the first Emergency Department in Illinois featuring a special No Waiting Room System for ER Care."

In 2006, Press Ganey Associates, Inc. reported that Illinois ranked 26th in the nation with an average ER patient experience lasting 3 hrs and 36 minutes. Adventist GlenOaks Hospital is proud to announce that since opening their doors in June, their revolutionary "no waiting room system" has reduced their average visit to only 87 minutes. Upon arrival, patients are escorted directly to a private treatment suite where their condition will be promptly assessed and treated. It's a comfortable environment because the suites were designed with enough space and seating for family members to stay at the patient's bedside.

Joe Shanahan, M.D., medical director of Emergency Services at Adventist GlenOaks Hospital said, "Treating the patient comes first; registration is second and occurs at the bedside – making patients' safety and health our first priority."

The new 23,000 sq. ft. Emergency Department consists of 19 private treatment suites, including primary exam suites, cardiac exam suites, trauma and pediatric suites as well as psychological exam rooms. The private suites each have televisions, telephones, internet access, natural light and nurse call buttons. There are also separate family lounges to give family members the ability to remain close while giving the patient and health care professional's privacy when needed.

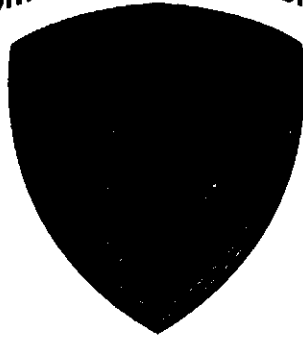
Among the hospital's new technology is a state-of-the-art cardiac cath lab and MRI suite, PACS film less digital x-ray technology and an electronic medical record system. "Through the new ED, Adventist GlenOaks Hospital will continue its mission of partnering with physicians and the community to provide whole-person care and promote wellness," said Lewis.



Committee Helps Get Lake Street Looking Great for the Holidays!

The Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee worked on sprucing up the wreaths which adorn Lake Street during the holiday season. Pictured with a finished product are from left to right, Trustee Judi Von Huben, Georgene Geils, formerly of Economart (seated), John Vertnik of Starck & Co, Remo Turano of Turano Bakery, Assistant Village Administrator Barb Weber and Bob Allen of Stratford Square.

This group is also sponsoring the "B-Card" promotion for all Bloomingdale businesses. Check page 3 for details.



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Neighborhood Watch: Protecting Our Community

Upcoming meetings & events

All residents are encouraged to attend the Neighborhood Watch General meetings. There is no pressure to become a member and everyone can benefit from the useful information regarding community activities and safety material. Meetings are held every other month, beginning in January, in the Village Hall – Council Room, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road. Each meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. and the following are the dates for 2008.

January 16, 2008 – Open Forum with Village Officials from the Mayor's Office, Police Department and Fire Department. Individuals will present an update on their departments and address the public on any questions or concerns within the Village.

March 19

May 21

July 16

August 5 – National Night Out Against Crime

September 17

November 19

WELCOME
Bloomingdale is a
CRIME WATCH
COMMUNITY



We immediately report all
suspicious activities to our
police department

"T.A.L.K." Program -- Teens Wanted!

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

January 10	Illinois Vehicle Code, DUI/Zero Tolerance Laws
January 17	Juvenile Law, Retail Theft
January 24	Team Building
January 31	Gangs, Drugs, Searches
February 7	Tour of Jail Facility
February 21	Internet Safety, Personal Safety, Graduation

Citizens Police Academy News

Classes are being scheduled to begin February 20, 2008. Sign up now!!!!

For additional information or to register for any of these programs, please call Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868.

Community Safety Alert

The holiday season is upon us and many feel charitable toward others this time of the year. Although you may want to spread the "good feelings" to those in need, the Bloomingdale Police Department wanted to alert the public about suspicious activities occurring around commercial areas of our town.

Individuals have been approaching citizens and asking them for money to purchase gasoline for their vehicles. They claim that their car ran out of gas and they have no other way to get back home. In one incident, the citizen who was approached contacted the police department. When the police officer offered the person in need a ride home, the person suddenly had a friend waiting for her. This ruse has taken place in front of business entrance ways and in the parking lots as citizens are entering, exiting, or sitting inside their vehicle. Incidents have occurred near Wal-Mart, the Springbrook shopping area (Lake Street) and Stratford Square Mall. These individuals have asked citizens for money ranging from \$4.00 - \$10.00 to help their cause. Some have been quite persistent in their request for financial help.

The Bloomingdale Police Department strongly discourages citizens from getting involved with such a matter and to notify the police department if someone needs assistance.

Although, many want to lend a hand to their fellow citizen, it would be better to play it safe and get help for the situation. There are unscrupulous individuals who will say or do anything for a buck. Note: Donations to any charity/organization should be verified as legitimate worthwhile causes and their donation procedures fully explained.

Please be alert and aware of your surroundings at all times and contact store personnel, security officers and/or local police departments regarding any and all suspicious persons and activity. If you have any questions or concerns about this or any other crime prevention information, please contact Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868.



LEOS CLUB MAKES A DIFFERENCE AT SPRINGFIELD PARK: As part of the annual "Make a Difference Day"

event, the Bloomingdale Leos Club was out in force helping to clean up Springfield Park. Ed Reidy, director of parks and planning for the Bloomingdale Park District, helped guide their efforts. The Leos also helped on Make a Difference Day by painting pots for residents of local nursing homes (top right photo).

BLOOMINGDALE CARE FACILITY FOR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED EARNS

STATE AWARD: Alden Trails Intermediate Care Facility for the Developmentally Disabled in Bloomingdale received the Publication of the Year Award at the recent Illinois Health Care Association Convention held in Peoria. The publication, "Happy Trails," is a newsletter created and written by two residents – Kurt Junger and Derek Dyokas – as a way to share information with other residents about topics that are of interest to them.

"At Alden Trails, our mission is to provide a structured lifestyle with a stable and loving environment that encourages individuals with developmental disabilities to lead active lifestyles," says Melissa Allison, administrator. "Happy Trails" is a wonderful example of an activity that promotes and increases active participation. It is written, edited, typed and printed solely by Kurt and Derek, without any help from staff or families. Kurt even prints off the newsletter from his computer."

The quarterly publication is distributed to all residents living at Alden Trails and additional copies are placed in common areas for staff and families to read so everyone is informed of facility happenings.

Alden Trails Intermediate Care Facility for the Developmentally Disabled is located at 273 E. Army Trail Rd. in Bloomingdale, 630-671-1990 or visit www.thealdennetwork.com.

SCOUT BOOK DRIVE FOR LITERACY IN

CHICAGO: Tired of moving those books from shelf to shelf at cleaning time? How about giving them to a worthy cause? David Limberg, member of Boy Scout Troop 457, asks residents' help with his Eagle Project.

"My project is a book drive to benefit the Family Empowerment Centers of Chicago. The literacy rate in that area is rather low, and I want to share the joy of reading with them." David would like to provide the center with the following new or used items:

Children's story books	Children's chapter books
Classic novels	Spanish Bibles
Novels	Bibles (NIV or NAS)
Spanish books	Audio books on tape or CD
Tape players and CD players (walkman style) with headphones and batteries	

If you would like to donate any of the above items, please call David Limberg at 630-351-0262 to arrange a drop off time at his house in Bloomingdale, or e-mail dpdpl@juno.com. He will be collecting these books through the end of January.



Eagle Scout David Limberg with Scott Manke, the Director of the Family Empowerment Centers in Chicago, who will receive the books David collects.

DISTRICT 93 HONORED WITH 2007 LINCOLN AWARD: The Lincoln Foundation for Performance Excellence recently honored Community Consolidated School District 93 with the 2007 Lincoln Silver Award for "Progress Toward Excellence." The award recognizes the district for demonstrating sound and notable continuous improvement processes. Representatives of District 93 will accept the award on Wednesday, December 5 at the Award Ceremony to be held at the Westin Hotel in Lombard.

Henry A. Gmitro, Ed.D., District 93 Superintendent of Schools, expressed his gratitude to the staff for their dedication to providing the best possible education to the students the district serves and for continually striving to meet higher standards. He also stated, "Being a recipient of the 2007 Lincoln Silver Award for Progress Toward Excellence validates our quest for continuous improvement and encourages us to go forward with the processes that have enhanced the quality of education in District 93 to this point."

District 93 is an elementary, pre-kindergarten through grade 8, education system with approximately 4,300 students serving portions of Carol Stream, Bloomingdale, and Hanover Park.

FIVE YOUNG PEOPLE PRESENTED WITH 2007 AMERICAN YOUTH CHARACTER AWARDS:

The 2007 CHARACTER COUNTS Celebration was held in October. Once again, five young people were honored as they were presented with the 2007 American Youth Character Awards. Each student is chosen by the faculty at his/her respective school year as a true example of the six pillars of character – trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring & citizenship. Police Watch Commander Randy Sater (left) and Mayor Bob Iden stand behind this year's winners: Mariana Virgilio, DuJardin; Antoinette Zaino, Winnebago; Jordan Catichio, Westfield; Kylee Read, St. Isidore; and Ceci Komp, Erickson.



GREETING CARDS FROM THE GARDEN: Ivan Micek, artisan, garden consultant, and container gardening expert, entertained and educated the Bloomingdale Garden Club at their October 17 program. In Ivan's hands-on presentation – "From Garden to Greeting Card" - he shared creative tips to extend the beauty of gardens, through the use of photographs, and creation of unique and personal greeting cards.

The Bloomingdale resident's patio container garden was prominently featured in this summer's Garden Walk. This event, hosted by the Bloomingdale Villagers Club, was the perfect venue to showcase Ivan's clever use of recycled objects, his use of vibrant colors and textures, and his striking one-of-a-kind containers. Prior to the

Garden Walk, Ivan's patio container garden was twice recognized in the Chicago Tribune Glorious Gardens contest.

Ivan's creativity, knowledge and congeniality makes for a winning combination. The Bloomingdale Garden Club most certainly looks forward to a future program with Ivan. For more information on the Garden Club and Ivan's future participation, contact Joyce Basel at 630-529-9833 or Helen Price at 630-980-6585.



EVENTS

Villagers Hosting Annual Christmas Party on December 8

The Villagers of Bloomingdale invite all area women to their annual Christmas party beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 8 at the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way. The Lake Park Jazz Choir will provide the entertainment with a trip down memory lane through song and dance. Guests can participate in a \$10 grab bag and a member cookie exchange. Start the holiday season by joining the fun with the Villagers of Bloomingdale. For more information call Eileen at 630-924-1296 or Joan at 630-529-9774.



Friends of the Library Selling Entertainment Books

The Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library are selling Entertainment Books containing discounts from local and national restaurants, hotels, entertainment venues, local retailers and more. The books are \$20 and are available at the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way through the end of December. A portion of each sale goes to the Friends to help raise funds for activities such as the annual reading program, Ice Cream Social, Snowman Crossing and other activities.

Want to Make a Difference in Someone's Life This Holiday Season?

With the holiday season upon us, many residents look for opportunities to help others less fortunate. For the last few years, DuPage County has compiled a guide featuring 65 different agencies with their specific holiday needs to help make "giving back" as easy as possible for everyone. Family and youth-friendly activities are highlighted. The guide can be viewed or downloaded at www.givingdupage.org. The website also features an interactive volunteer match where one can search for opportunities throughout the year by zip code, area of interest and type of volunteer opportunity. "Giving DuPage" hopes that the holiday season brings peace and happiness to our residents and hopes that the spirit of generosity is alive and well in our community year-round.

Bloomingdale VFW Accepting Donations for Packages Being Sent to Troops in Iraq and Afghanistan

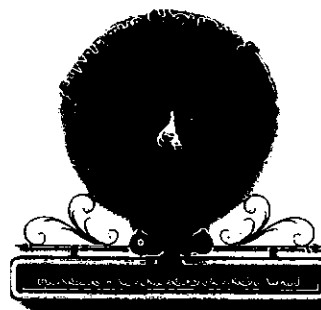
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Holiday Housewalk in Medinah Woods to Raise Funds for Pet Rescue of Bloomingdale

On Friday, December 7, from 4 to 9 p.m., five beautifully decorated homes will be showcased at the 1st Annual Open-House Holiday Housewalk in Medinah Woods Club of Itasca, located on Rohlwing Road (Route 53) between Lake Street and Irving Park Road.

In addition to many exciting raffle prizes, some of the holiday decorations featured in the homes will be available for purchase. Tickets are \$20 in advance at Pet Rescue, 151 N. Bloomingdale Road; Sassy's Originals, 360 W. Schick Road; Old Town Cleaners, 148 S. Bloomingdale Road; or \$25 the evening of the event.

All proceeds will benefit Pet Rescue of Bloomingdale, a no-kill, non-profit sanctuary for orphaned animals. The facility was founded in 1973 by Dale Armon, a pioneer in the humane rescue field. Help turn her dream into a reality and join your friends for a festive evening that will warm your hearts and brighten your spirits. For more information call Sharon at 630-440-4667.



EVENTS

Purrfect Poses and Wet Noses

This current exhibit runs through December 20, 2007 at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road. The holiday show will be a "purr-fect" combination of rave barks and meows. You will be smitten by the kittens of Ann Fahl's quilt exhibit "Black and White Tales."

Each has a

theme and is very unique. You will be bow-wowed by the picture quilts of the "Dog Lady," Sharon Malec. Charlotte Burgess' whimsical ceramic dogs and cats are truly the "cat's meow." Her unique style is both comical and creative.

The colored pencil "petraits" of Frederica Krauss Howard are beautifully executed drawings that reveal her love of line and expressive light and dark. Call the museum at 539-3096 for further details.



Unusual Vegetables topic of January Garden Club Meeting

The Bloomingdale Garden Club's January 16th meeting will feature Chad Nichols. Nichols Farm of Marengo, Illinois is known for its wide variety of vegetables, many of which are not found in grocery stores. Nichols Farm is dedicated to producing only the highest quality vegetables, and offers its unique produce at local Chicagoland farmers' markets. Nichols will enlighten attendees on growing heirloom vegetables, and will acquaint them with some very unique potato varieties. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way. Contact Debbie DeChinistso at 630-351-1010 for more information.

Make a Difference in Someone's Life!

Volunteers are needed at the YWCA West Suburban Center for its sexual assault services. Training begins January 26.

24-hour crisis intervention services

Prevention education programs for kindergarten through college age

Male & female volunteers needed

Bi-lingual volunteers needed

Call the YWCA west suburban center at (630) 790-6600, ext. 289 or email tammy.james@ywcachicago.org

Santa Surprises From the Bloomingdale Lions Club

Everyone knows the holiday season is a very busy time for old Santa. So, for the second year in a row, the Bloomingdale Lions Club will be giving Santa some help with his overwhelming schedule of appearances. Santa and his elves will greet good little girls and boys from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 15 at the Bloomingdale Pharmacy, 156 S. Bloomingdale Road. Old St. Nick will have a treat for each boy and girl, so be sure to stop by with the youngsters.

Santa is also available for visits to Bloomingdale homes. You can invite



Santa to make a visit to your home from 5-7 p.m. weekdays; 2-7 p.m. weekends from December 10 through December 23 for \$50.

Santa will visit homes within a two-hour time frame and visits will be at least 15 minutes long. Limited reservations are also available on December 24 and 25 for \$75.

Call 630-894-7394 or e-mail lionperry@hotmail.com for more information or to make an appointment. Your payment will be mailed to:

Bloomingdale Lions Club,
P.O. Box 318,
Bloomingdale, IL 60108.

As with all Lions projects, all proceeds will go directly to help the hearing and sight-impaired, as well as to local charities.



Bloomington Fire Protection District #1



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Have a Fire-Safe Holiday Season!

December, January and February Are Peak Months For Home Fires

Many people are unaware that December, January, and February are the leading months for home fires and home fire deaths in the United States. According to the NFPA, more than one-third of home fire deaths in the U.S. occur during the winter months.

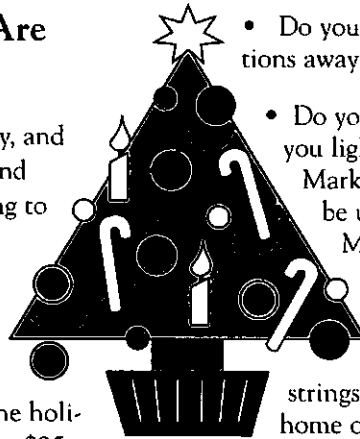
According to the United States Fire Administration, each year fires associated with the holiday season injure 1,200 individuals and cause over \$25 million in damage.

There are simple life-saving steps you can take to ensure a safe and happy holiday. By following some of these tips, you can greatly reduce your chance of becoming a holiday statistic.

Electrical decorations and strings of lights can help brighten the holiday season, but misusing or using damaged decorations may lead to dangerous situations—including injury from shock or fire.

The safety experts at Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) encourage you to use this handy checklist when decorating your home this holiday.

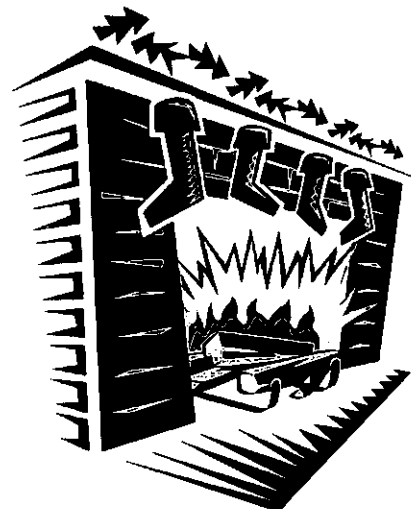
- Does your live tree or greenery have fresh green needles?
- Is your tree a safe distance (at least three feet) from fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, heating vents, and other sources of heat? Is it blocking an exit?
- Do you use light strings that carry the UL Mark?
- Before plugging in newly purchased electrical decorations, or those you've used previous seasons, do you carefully inspect each decoration?
- Do you unplug light strings and electrical decorations before replacing light bulbs or fuses?



- Do you keep light strings and electrical decorations away from the reach of children?
- Do you check for red or green UL Marks on you light strings? - the green holographic UL Mark means that the light string should only be used indoors. The red holographic UL Mark indicates the light string can be used both inside and out—and can withstand conditions related to outdoor use.
- Do you turn off electrical light strings and decorations before leaving your home or going to bed?
- Have you made sure your home is equipped with working smoke detectors?
- Have you developed a fire escape plan for your household?

If you answered "yes" to all of these questions, congratulations! If you answered "no" to any of these questions, you owe it to yourself and your loved ones to correct the electrical hazards in your home.

For more information visit the district's website at www.bloomingtonfire.com or contact Lieutenant Richard Kurka at 630-894-9080.



Bloomingtondale Center

"Working 30 hours a week while attending college presented a real challenge. But the staff and instructors at the Bloomingtondale Center were so helpful, and the flexibility of independent study courses made it possible for me to complete my associate's degree."

Michelle Buno

College of DuPage Graduate
Elmhurst College Student



The College of DuPage Bloomingtondale Center offers classroom courses and flexible independent courses that provide you with learning that fits your lifestyle.

Services at the Bloomingtondale Center:

- **New on-site registration:** You may now register for ANY C.O.D. class at the Bloomingtondale Center.
- **Counseling and Advising**
- **All placement testing** (no appointment necessary)

Twelve-week classroom courses begin Feb. 13:

Accounting 1150
Anthropology 1100
Business 1100
Computer Basics 0800
Computer Information Systems 1150
Economics 2201
English Composition 1102
History 1130
Math 1100
Psychology 1100

Sixteen-week classroom courses begin Jan. 14:

Math 0482
Office Technology 1200
Speech 1100

Plus many exciting non-credit classes!

Center Hours:

Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
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Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m.



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Town Square of Bloomingtondale
162 S. Bloomingtondale Road
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Criminal Justice	Mathematics
Earth Science	Music
Early Childhood Education and Care	Philosophy
Economics	Physics
Education	Political Science
English	Psychology
ESL	Reading
French	Sociology
	Spanish

Spring term begins Monday, Jan. 14.

For more information, call the Bloomingtondale Center, (630) 942-4900, or visit:
www.cod.edu/cil/bloomingtondale.

For Americans with Disabilities Act accommodations, call (630) 942-2141 (voice) or (630) 858-9692.

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INSIDE WRITING AND PUBLISHING SERIES - DUPAGE BRANCH

Inside Writing and Publishing is a series of free seminars designed for seasoned and aspiring writers and their fans. This co-operative effort between eight DuPage County libraries will explore many aspects of breaking into the publishing business, including how to find an agent, how to create believable characters, and how to set goals and deadlines. Events will take place throughout the months of January and February at participating DuPage county libraries.

The series will kick off at Bloomington Public Library on Saturday, January 12, at 2:00 p.m. with an appearance by J. A. Konrath, author of the popular Jack Daniels mystery series. You won't want to miss this entertaining and informative program, which will be followed by a book signing.

For a complete list of programs, please pick up a brochure at the Reference Desk, or check www.mybpl.org for more details.



Is your energy level at zero? Do you have hours of cramming for that test ahead of you? In our continued efforts to make the library the place for community members to read, research, and relax in a comfortable atmosphere, we are announcing our new coffee service. Debuting during our Open House on Tuesday, November 27th, this FREE service will be found in the Magazine reading area on the main floor.

In conjunction with this new service we will once again be selling covered travel mugs. These mugs are designed to minimize the potential for spills in the library while giving you the freedom to drink your beverage in the library. Travel mugs are available at the circulation desk for \$3.00 each.

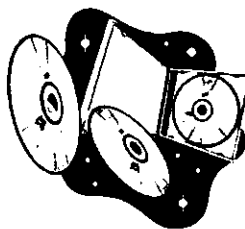


HOLIDAY HOURS



Monday, December 24
Tuesday, December 25
Monday, December 31
Tuesday, January 1

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DVD SPECIAL

Come by and pick up a movie to watch with your friends and family during the holiday season. The library will once again be offering free DVD rentals from Sunday, December 23, 2007 through Saturday, January 5, 2008. We ask that you please limit your free DVDs to 5 per library card per day. Cardholder must be present to borrow DVDs.

Youth Services Department YOUTH WINTER PROGRAMS

STORYTIMES

Programs for children ages three months through five years.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION/REQUIREMENTS FOR WINTER STORYTIME PROGRAMS

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

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

Bedtime Stories, Family Storytime, and Telling Tales with Yoga will be drop-in, with no registration required.

Winter Programming begins the week of January 7 and ends the week of February 11.



ROMPER RHYMES (3 months - 15 months)
Tuesdays, January 8 - February 12
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, January 8 - February 12
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, January 7 - February 11
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Registration is required.

Time for 2's is a storytime for children two years old accompanied by a parent or caregiver. This program is designed to help children develop listening skills, and features stories, flannel board interplay and musical activities. Please make other arrangements for the care of siblings so that the parent/caregiver may be able to share this special time with his/her child.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME (Ages 3 - 5)
Wednesdays, January 9 - February 13
1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Registration is required.

Wednesday afternoon Preschool Storytime includes a variety of book sharing, flannelboard stories, videos, and musical activities. In order to foster the child's independence, parents/caregivers and siblings are asked to remain outside the program area during the storytime. This program is limited to preschool age children. For those children in Kindergarten, please see Primary Connections program information.



PRIMARY CONNECTIONS (Grades K-1)
Mondays, January 7 - February 11
4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Registration is required.

Primary Connections is a program for the child who has outgrown preschool storytime, but not outgrown the library. The children will enjoy a fun-filled session of stories, crafts, and musical fun selected for their newly developing skills. In order to foster the child's independence, parents/caregivers and siblings are asked to remain outside the program area during the class.

FAMILY STORYTIME (All ages)
Fridays, January 11 - February 15
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. The children will enjoy book sharing, flannel stories, and musical activities during these sessions.

BEDTIME STORIES (All ages)
Tuesdays, January 8 - February 12
7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Registration is not required.

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!



TELLING TALES WITH YOGA
(Ages 3 through grade K)
Thursdays, January 10 - February 14
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.



Youth Services Department YOUTH WINTER PROGRAMS



TUESDAYS WITH TOYS

(Children ages 3 months through 5 years and their caregivers)

Tuesday, December 4

Tuesday, December 18

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

Registration is not required.

*Storytimes are taking a break,
but the fun never stops at the library!*

Tuesdays with Toys is an informal program giving parents with small children the opportunity to meet and talk with other parents, while children play with toys and games. Toys and games are most appropriate for children ages 3 months to 5 years. Drop in for one session or both!

CAN'T CATCH ME!

(Ages 3 - 5)

Wednesday, December 12

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Registration is required.

Run, run as fast as you can to the library on December 12th for "Can't Catch Me: Gingerbread Stories with a Twist". We'll have stories, food and crafts for children ages 3 - 5 years. Please register with the Youth Services Department for this program, which is limited to Bloomingdale Library Cardholders.



DELICIOUS BOOKS

(Grades 2 - 5)

Tuesday, January 22

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

Registration is required.

Are you hungry after school? Join the wacky librarians as they eat their way through Delicious Books! This program features a different taste of stories in a new and fresh way.

GOT GAME?

Have you ever wanted to try a game without spending the money? Are you looking for something to do on a rainy day? The library's new circulating collection of games and puzzles is the perfect way to spend a few hours with friends or family, or simply try something new. From classic games such as Monopoly and Uno, to new games like Settlers of Catan and Elefun, the library has a game for everyone. A current list can be found online at: <http://www.mybpl.org/bpl/index.php?q=node/217>.

WINTER READING PROGRAM 2008:

"SKATE IN AND READ!"

"WHEN SNOWFLAKES STICK TOGETHER MAGIC HAPPENS!"

This is a family reading program for parents and/or caregivers and their infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and kindergartners.

Is the weather outside turning you into a snowman? Cuddle up with a good book in this reading program designed for children who have not yet entered first grade. Beginning on January 7, you may register in person at the Youth Services Reference Desk to receive your information packet. Complete your reading log and turn it in at the Youth Services Reference Desk by February 15 to receive your prizes and be entered into the Grand Prize Drawing.

"READ TO SUCCEED"

(Grades 1 - 8)

**Sponsored by
the Chicago Wolves Hockey Team.**

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

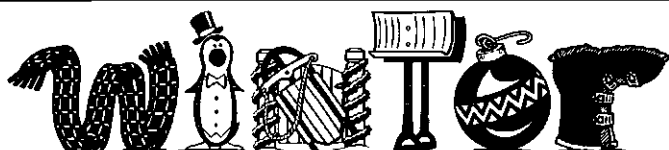
Register in person at the Youth Services Desk to receive your information packet beginning January 7. Complete your reading log and turn it in at the Youth Services Reference Desk by February 15 to receive your prizes and be entered into the Grand Prize Drawing.

OPEN GAME NIGHT

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Come one come all as the library brings out the games for an evening of fun! Whether you play Yu-Gi-Oh!, board games, DDR, Guitar Hero, or like to do puzzles, we have a game for you! Library staff is on hand to help new players with games they wish to learn and to make recommendations for families looking for something new to play. Members of the Dueler's Guild are welcome to this event!



ADULT WINTER PROGRAMS

ADULT PROGRAMS

All programs are free and open to everyone.

Please call the Adult Services Desk at (630) 924-2730 to register, unless noted otherwise.



HOLIDAY MUSIC

Sunday, December 16

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.



CPR BASICS CLASS

Saturday, January 5

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Learn CPR basics from Bloomingdale fire fighter and paramedic, Jeff Skelley. This hands-on class will cover adult, child, and infant CPR and choking, and how to use an Automated External Defibrillator for heart attacks. Each attendee will receive a CPR card good for two years. The cost is \$25 for the three hour session. Please register for this course in person in the Business Office.



CREATING SERIES CHARACTERS - INSIDE WRITING AND PUBLISHING KICKOFF EVENT

Saturday, January 12

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

J.A. Konrath, author of the Lt. Jacqueline Daniels series, will share his insight on creating winning series characters that will help get you published. Learn fast and easy ways to define your protagonist and create a likeable hero. Lecture to be followed by book signing. Refreshments will be served.

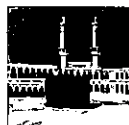


eBAY101

Tuesday, January 15

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

Are you ready to make money selling some of your things on eBay? Plan to attend this informative and fun eBay Selling 101 program by eBay University Instructor Jack Waddick. In just 90 minutes, Jack will walk you through the keys to successful eBay selling. This session will include live demos on eBay.com and allow plenty of time for your questions. This program has been very popular in the past, so please register early by calling the Adult Reference Desk at 630-924-2730.



THE HAJJ: A PILGRIMAGE TO MECCA

Thursday, January 17

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

The Arabic word for pilgrimage is Hajj. The Hajj takes place in Mecca, Saudi Arabia, where millions of Muslims gather annually to follow in the footsteps of their religious ancestors. Asra Yousufuddin will give an overview of the Hajj and then present the National Geographic film "Inside Mecca" which offers an intimate view of the struggles and successes of three pilgrims - a South African, a Malaysian, and an American as they journey to Mecca to perform their religious rites.



www.mybpl.org - GETTING THE MOST FROM YOUR LIBRARY - 24/7

Tuesday, January 22

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

The library is still a great place to check out books, but our services have expanded to serve you 24 hours a day through our web resources. Find out how to ask reference questions online, access the full text of reference books and articles, check your library account, and much more, without ever leaving home! This class will be limited to twelve participants.



GET ORGANIZED

TO REDUCE STRESS

Tuesday, Jan. 29

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

This presentation explores the benefits of getting organized to reduce stress in your life and make you feel better about yourself and your environment. Beth Randall, a professional organizer, will discuss stress stemming from work, home, travel, time and money commitments and suggest practical ways to reduce this pressure.



Adult Services Department ADULT WINTER PROGRAMS

ADULT BOOK GROUP

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Adult Book Discussion Group continues to meet on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m., and the previous Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. There is no meeting in December.

**Wednesday, January 16 at 10:00 a.m.
and Thursday, January 17 at 7:30 p.m.**
Lucky Jim by Kingsley Amis

**Wednesday, February 20 at 10:00 a.m. and
Thursday, February 21 at 7:30 p.m.**
Pope Joan by Donna Woolfolk Cross

HISTORICAL BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Historical Group meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

Dec. 4, 2007
Black Hawk: The Battle for the Heart of America
by Kerry A. Trask

Jan. 8, 2008
Stealing Lincoln's Body
by Thomas J. Craughwell

Feb. 5, 2008
*Death in the Haymarket: A Story of Chicago, the First Labor
Movement, and the Bombing that Divided Gilded Age America*
by James R. Green

Books are available for checkout at the Circulation Desk approximately one month before the discussion. Newcomers are always welcome.



ADULT WINTER READING PROGRAM

January 7 - February 15

Fun is brewing in the Adult Services Department! Adults and teens in 7th grade and up are invited to participate in our winter reading program, **Perk Up and Read**. Help us celebrate our new coffee bar by curling up with a good book and a cup of coffee. For each book read, you will be entered into the final drawing for prizes. Registration begins on January 7.

YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

Open to Teens 7th - 12th grades only

To register, please call the
Adult Services desk at (630) 924-2730.

TEEN GAME NIGHT

Thursday, December 13

Thursday, January 10

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

Wednesday, December 19

Wednesday, January 23

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, and eat some great snacks. Please register in person at the Reference Desk, or call (630) 924-2730.

MARBLE MAGNETS

Thursday, December 6

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

Make some great stocking stuffers for yourself, family, and friends! Create easy marble magnets using pictures of your favorite celebrities, anime characters, or whatever else you like. Limited to 20 teens. Please register in person at the Reference Desk, or call (630) 924-2730.



DUELER'S GUILD

Saturday, December 15, 2007 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 19, 2007, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Come join the Dueler's Guild, a group where the players of Collectible Card Games (CCG's) can learn, play, and socialize. We currently support Yu-Gi-Oh! and Magic: the Gathering, but players of all games are welcome to attend. There are no fees and membership is open to both residents and non-residents at this time. All players age 9 and up are welcome to join us.

UNMASK THE CELEBRITIES CONTEST

Entire month of January

Stop by the library's YA Spot to guess the celebrities hidden behind the masks. Teens will get a mini candy bar just for guessing! The teen with the most correct answers will receive a \$10 gift card. In the event of multiple correct entries, a winner will be randomly chosen from all correct entries. The winner will be notified February 1.



TEEN ADVISORY GROUP

Thursday, January 3

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

Teens make your voices heard! During this first meeting, help the library become a teen friendly place while enjoying free pizza. Earn volunteer hours by contributing to library projects including teen program and purchase suggestions, decorating the library, or helping the children's department. To join the group, please fill out a sign-up form, available at the Reference Desk, the YA Spot, or online in the "Teens - What's Happening" section of the library website. Please turn in completed forms to the Reference Desk.



Computer Services Department

COMPUTER WINTER PROGRAMS

*Computer classes are recommended for ages 13 and older. There is a \$10.00 refundable deposit for each class, due at the time of registration. Classes are limited to twelve participants. Please register in the Business Office of the Library, beginning **Monday, November 30, 2007.***

PLEASE NOTE

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

KEYBOARDING

Friday, December 7

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

A basic course to teach those who are uncomfortable typing on a computer the basics they need to know to type more efficiently. In addition to classroom instruction students will be shown how to use the library's typing tutor program to learn on their own.

INTRODUCTION TO THE PERSONAL COMPUTER

Monday, December 10

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Chris

Those with little or no knowledge of computers will benefit from this class. Skills and techniques to perform basic functional operations with a computer will be covered.

INTERMEDIATE WORD

Tuesday, December 11

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Chris

This class is intended for users who have some experience with computers and Microsoft Word. It will cover how to use the more advanced options available in Microsoft Word 2000. Lecture will include using outlines, adding images, and other formatting/design topics. (Having taken Introduction to using Microsoft Word is recommended.)

PRINTING MAILING LABELS

Wednesday, December 12

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

In this course students will use MS Word and other Microsoft Office tools like Macros and Mail Merge to automate repetitive tasks like the creation of mailing labels to save time (and skip lots of typing).

USING POWER POINT 2

Tuesday, December 18

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Chris

Extending on the basic skills learned in Using Power Point, this class will teach students to make their slide shows more dynamic and complex. Going beyond the presets and designing your own slides, creating slide transitions, sounds, animations, and slide show options will all be covered.

ADVANCED EXCEL

Wednesday, January 2

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

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

USING THE INTERNET 2

Friday, January 4

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

In Using the Internet 2 we will add to and expand on the topics covered in Using the Internet. Areas such as browser options, adding links, downloading, advanced searching, high speed Internet access, and more will be covered. (Having taken Using the Internet or similar experience is recommended.)

ADVANCED WORD

Tuesday, January 8

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Chris

This class will discuss the more complex features that Word provides. In addition to editing and creating documents, Microsoft Word has tools to create labels, envelopes, letters, and more. Mail merge and tables will be discussed. (Having taken Intermediate Microsoft Word is recommended.)

INTRODUCTION TO ACCESS

Wednesday, January 9

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This class will provide a basic understanding of using Microsoft Access. Topics such as creating Tables, Queries, Forms, and Reports will be covered. (Having taken Introduction to Microsoft Word or equivalent experience is recommended.)



Computer Services Department

COMPUTER WINTER PROGRAMS

USING EMAIL 2

Friday, January 11

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Using Email 2 takes users beyond the basics of sending and receiving email and teaches them to take advantage of the many features their email services provide. Topics such as attachments, folders, address books, mail options, spam protection, and more will be covered. (Having taken Using Email or similar experience is recommended.)

CD BURNING

Monday, January 14

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Chris

This class will teach students how to burn computer files to a CD, an essential skill for backing up pictures, documents, or other important information. The basics of working with music and data CDs, as well as CD copying, will be discussed. The class works in a Windows XP environment but attention will be paid to the issues that come up when burning CDs with an older operating system. Re-writable CDs will also be discussed.

COMPUTER HARDWARE AND MAINTENANCE

Tuesday, January 22

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Chris

This class provides basic knowledge of the parts that make up a computer and how to go about upgrading, repairing and maintaining them.

USING DIGITAL CAMERAS/SCANNERS

Wednesday, January 30

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This class will teach the basic skills required to use the Bloomingdale Library's scanner and two sample digital cameras. Techniques taught will include taking pictures, viewing them on the camera, transferring them to a computer, and acquiring text and/or images from the scanner. While all digital cameras are different, the same basic principles will apply to the students' cameras as those used in class. It is recommended that students have basic experience using Windows so that you are comfortable pointing and clicking and following instructions.

ADOPT-A-MAGAZINE

The Bloomingdale Public Library is conducting its annual Adopt-A-Magazine drive to help maintain and expand the periodicals collection. If you would be interested in making a financial donation for the collection, please contact Julie Keating at (630) 924-2733 for more information and a list of suggested magazine titles.



BLOOMINGDALE SENIORS

If you are a Bloomingdale senior and looking for an afternoon out of the house once a month with others similar to you, read on! The second Tuesday of every month those seniors of Bloomingdale who enjoy talking to others, eating tasty food, playing a hand of cards, and attending a play/musical during the holiday season meet in the lower level of the library at 11 a.m.

Join and enjoy other seniors at the library!

24/7 REFERENCE SERVICE

It's 3:00 in the morning. You need that elusive statistic or piece of information to finish your paper or report, and search engines are failing you. Help is just a click away!

We now offer reference service 24 hours a day. Simply visit our website, www.mybpl.org, and click on the AskAway icon found on the lower left hand side of the screen. You will be connected to a nationwide consortium of reference librarians standing by to answer your questions.

You can also chat live with a Bloomingdale librarian any time the library is open by visiting the website and typing into the box labeled *Reference Help*.

LIBRARY ORIENTATIONS

Saturday, January 5 10:00 a.m.

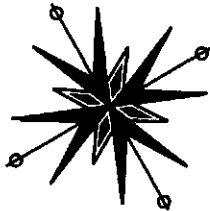
Saturday, February 2 10:00 a.m.

Everyone knows that you can check out books at the library, but did you know that we also offer music cds, dvds, books on cd, and much more? Sign up for one of our library orientations, and join a reference librarian as we give a short overview of all the library has to offer. We will show you where various items are located, and tell you about the services we offer, so you can get the most out of your library. This program is perfect for new residents, but everyone is invited to attend and find out more about the library!

Call the Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730 to make your reservation.

WINTER CARNIVAL

Holiday fun for everyone!



Johnston Recreation Center Gymnasium

Friday, December 7th

6:30-9:00pm

We've reinvented the holidays!

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

You'll enjoy a wide variety of amazing inflatable amusements, face painting, a mini train ride around our famous enchanted forest with a magical display of lights, meet Santa's helpers as you discover two live reindeer, take a horse-drawn sleigh ride through Circle Park, and experience the rest of the fun we have in store for a winter evening! Performances for the evening will include the dynamic female a cappella quartet Route 66, singing all of your favorite holiday tunes and Chris Fascione will be juggling his way around throughout the night! And who could forget our special guest...Santa Claus? He will want to visit with all the good boys and girls, so make sure to bring your list, 'cuz Santa will be checking it twice!

Buy your wristbands early and save!!!

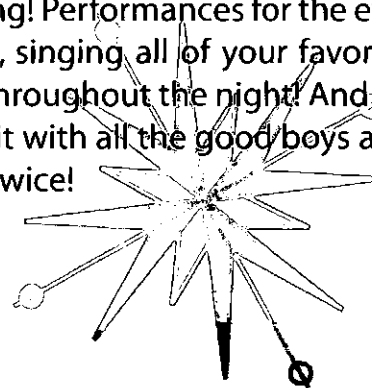
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Nov 1-Dec 6 \$2/4 (JRC front office)

December 7th \$5/8 (available at the door)

All children 2 years and older must have a wristband.

Adults are FREE!!!



Old Town

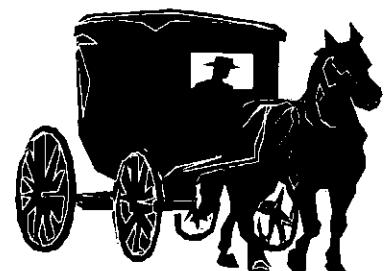
Carriage Rides

WEDNESDAY, December 19; 6:00-8:00pm

Old Town Park, 111 Third Street

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

This is a FREE event!



Friday Night Movies

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

Friday, December 21:
The Santa Claus 3
"The Escape Clause" - Rated - G



Friday, January 18:
Ratatouille - Rated - G



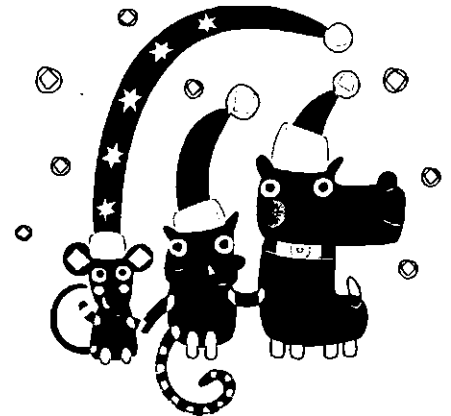
\$2 fee

Christmas for your Pet (jw)

Give your pet a one-of-a-kind Christmas gift. Express your pooch or cat's personality with a customized charm for their collar or create a cozy blanket to keep them warm this winter.

Location:
JRC Kitchen

Instructor:
Sandy Moore



MIN/MAX: 5/10

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
3-5	Th	06:00-07:00P	12/13-12/13	\$18/23	101113-A1

Pretty Little Princess (jw)

Let your little girl be a "princess" for a day. Each little princess will wear her own crown as she selects from a variety of gowns to wear for a royal picture. The princess will enjoy a royal snack consisting of juice and cookies. All children will receive a keepsake bag to remember their royal day. (All girls must arrive wearing leotard or short outfit.) Registration deadline is Dec. 21.

Location: Meacham Room
Instructor: Sandy Moore

MIN/MAX: 6/12

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code#
4-8	Sa	10:00-12:00P	01/12-01/12	\$15/20	101115-A1

Winter Break Camps

Reindeer Camp (jw)

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

Location: Preschool B
Instructor: Staff

MIN/MAX: 6/20

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
2.5-5	W-F	09:00-01:00P	12/26-12/28	\$50/60	102804-A1
2.5-5	W-F	9:00-01:00P	01/02-01/04	\$50/60	102804-A2

Art Excellence Camp (rd)

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

Location: Museum
Instructor: Staff

MIN/MAX: 7/15

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
7-13	W-F	04:00-06:00P	12/26-01/04	\$125/165	102830-A1

Soccer Camp (ls)

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

Location: Westfield Gym
Instructor: Staff

MIN/MAX: 10/50

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
8-14	W-F	02:30-04:30P	12/26-1/4	\$60/50	102826-A1

Basketball Camp (ls)

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

Location: Westfield Gym
Instructor: Staff

MIN/MAX: 10/50

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
8-14	W-F	12:00-02:00P	12/26-1/4	\$50/60	102832-A1

Volleyball Camp (ls)

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

Optional equipment: knee and elbow pads.

Location: Westfield Gym
Instructor: Staff

MIN/MAX: 10/22

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
8-14	W-F	09:30-11:30A	12/26-1/4	\$60/50	102834-A1

Holiday Gymnastics Camp (jw)

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

Location: Gymnastic Center
Instructor: Gymnastics Staff

MIN/MAX: 7/20

Grade	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
1-8	W-F	08:30-03:30P	01/02-01/04	\$72/92	102802-A1

Holiday All Girls Sports Camp (jw)

Attention... calling all girls! Interested in learning about baton, cheerleading, poms, and tumbling? Then this camp is for you! You will work on the basics in each of the four disciplines. So come and join us for this all girls' camp. Attire: leotard & shorts or biker shorts & t-shirt.

Location: Jr. Gym
Instructor: Staff

MIN/MAX: 5/20

Grade	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
1-6	W-F	12:15-04:15P	12/26-12/28	\$45/55	102803-A1

Dance For Gymnasts Camp (jw)

This class is geared for the Level 4-6 and Optionals gymnasts who wish to improve their dance for floor exercises and beam routines. In this class, they will work on body position, technique, and combinations.

Location: Dance Studio
Instructor: Kerri Salins

MIN/MAX: 5/10

Grade	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
1-8	W-F	10:00-12:00P	12/26-12/28	\$28/38	102806-A1

Holiday Munchkin Camp (jw)

LOVE THE SPORT? We welcome all levels of gymnasts, from Tumbling Teddy Bears through Kindermastics III, interested in learning and training in a camp setting. The purpose of our camp is to expose the developmental gymnasts to all facets of the sport in a positive/fun environment. Camp includes four formal class instructions (vault, bars, beam, and floor) with open gym.

Location: Gymnastic Center
Instructor: Gymnastics Staff

MIN/MAX: 5/12

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
3-5	W-F	08:30-11:30A	12/26-12/28	\$40/50	102801-A1

Flight School Camp (jw)

Do you want to improve your cheerleading skills? This fun energetic class is the program for you! We are offering two classes in this program: cheer tumble and stunting. Your instructor for this program is Theresa Kiel, a N.I.U. cheerleader for the past two years.

Location: Gymnastic Center
JRC Main Gym

Instructor: Theresa Kiel, NIU Cheerleader **MIN/MAX:** 5/10

Grade	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Stunting					
3-5	W-F	09:00-09:45A	12/26-12/28	\$30/40	102807-A1
6-8	W-F	11:00-11:45A	12/26-12/28	\$30/40	102807-A3
3-5	W-F	05:00-05:45P	01/02-01/04	\$30/40	102807-B1
6-8	W-F	07:00-07:45P	01/02-01/04	\$30/40	102807-B3

Cheer Tumble

3-8	W-F	09:45-10:45A	12/26-12/28	\$36/46	102807-A2
3-8	W-F	05:45-06:45P	01/02-01/04	\$36/46	102807-B2



**Bloomington
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Day Off

DEC 07 / JAN 08

Day Off Activities are scheduled when Districts 13 and 15 do not have school. All events are 8:30-3:30pm unless otherwise noted, with before and after care available from 7:00-8:30am and 3:30-6:00pm. Day Off Activities require pre-registration. Children may be registered the day of the program pending on availability, however there will be a \$5 late registration fee added to the printed fee. A \$15 charge will be added to the printed fee for children that are dropped off without being registered. Gym shoes and appropriate dress attire for the event and weather are required. Cancellations requested less than three business days prior to an event will be assessed a \$15.00 charge. Refunds requested the day of and after the program has taken place will not be granted. Events fill quickly, so register early. If your child requires special assistance, two weeks advance notice is appreciated.

Location: JRC, Goodwin/Sedgwick Room
Instructor: Staff
Grade: K-6(full days)
1-5(half days & early dismissal days)
MIN/MAX: 20/60
Lunch Provided:

Kids' Express

Join your friends at the JRC for Kids' Express. The day will feature open gym, games, a movie, and crafts. On-half days of school a park or school district bus/van will meet the children at school upon dismissal. Gym shoes are required. Note: District 15 early dismissals will be located at Winnebago School.

Bowl-A-Thon

Have fun bowling at a nearby bowling alley. Lunch will be provided. Do not forget to wear socks and gym shoes.

Boogie Down

Flashback to the days of tube socks, sweatbands, satin jackets, disco music and roller-skating. Here's a chance to boogie down to the decade your parents lived. Enjoy music and a movie from the seventies and have a far-out time rollerskating at Funway Roller Rink in Batavia. Skate rental is included. Bring a lunch.

TGIF

Hooray, it's Friday! Let's celebrate it the right way. We will hop on a bus to TGI Friday's and have a lunch fit for a Friday. After lunch we will watch a Friday-style movie with popcorn.

Enchanted Castle

Enjoy an enchanting Christmas celebration at Enchanted Castle in Lombard, where we will enjoy pizza, pop, and lots of fun games. Everyone will receive complimentary tokens and an enchanting pass to the jungle gym. Extra tokens may be purchased on your own. Lunch provided.

Water Games

Have a wet and wild time swimming at an indoor pool. Bring a lunch, drink, swimsuit, and towel.

Olympus Olympics

It's what the philosophers are philosophizing about: the BPD Olympics! We will have structured events, such as jump roping, hula hooping, bubblegum blowing, and a variety of other track and field events. At the closing ceremonies we will award the best and brightest athletes with laurels and feed them grapes. Bring an energizing lunch and hydrating liquids.

Winter Break

Date	Event	Day	Time	R/NR FEE	Code #
12/06	Kids' Express	Th	1:40P- 3:30P	\$10	102517-01
		Th	1:40P- 6:00P	\$18	102517-B1
12/26	Bowl-A-Thon	W	8:30P- 3:30P	\$24	102519-01
		W	7:00A- 8:30A	\$5	102519-A1
		W	3:30P- 6:00P	\$8	102519-B1
12/27	Boogie Down	Th	8:30A- 3:30P	\$24	102520-01
		Th	7:00A- 8:30A	\$5	102520-A1
		Th	3:30P- 6:00P	\$8	102520-B1
12/28	TGIF	F	8:30A- 3:30P	\$24	102521-01
		F	7:00A- 8:30A	\$5	102521-A1
		F	3:30P- 6:00P	\$8	102521-B1
12/31	New Year's Bash	M	8:30A- 3:30P	\$23	102522-01
		M	7:00A- 8:30A	\$5	102521-A1
01/02	Enchanted Castle	W	8:30A- 3:30P	\$24	102523-01
		W	7:00A- 8:30A	\$5	102523-A1
		W	3:30P- 6:00P	\$8	102523-B1
01/03	Water Games	Th	8:30A- 3:30P	\$24	102524-01
		Th	7:00A- 8:30A	\$5	102524-A1
		Th	3:30P- 6:00P	\$8	102524-B1
01/04	Olympus Olympics	F	8:30A-3:30P	\$23	102525-01
		F	7:00A-8:30A	\$5	102525-A1
		F	3:30P-6:00P	\$8	102525-B1

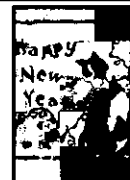
Day Off activities are available for children of any school district if they are out of school on that particular day

Purrfect Poses and Wet Noses - Now through Dec 20

Our 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 wowed 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 appliqué." Charlotte Burgess whimsical ceramic dogs and cats are truly the "cats 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.



Sharon Malec, Quilts



Ann Fahl, Quilts

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p. 630.529.3650 mon-thur 8:30am-7:00pm fri 8:30am-4:30pm sat 9:00am-1:00pm



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The Holiday Season Arrives In Bloomingdale!



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 pen and pencil sketch 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 are available at the Bloomingdale Village Hall and the Bloomingdale Public Library through the end of the year, as supplies last, and at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum during the holiday exhibit through December 20.

