

Village of Bloomingdale Almanac

FEBRUARY 2008

**Clip Out The
B-Card for
Great
Savings in
Bloomingdale!**

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insert**

From the Desk of Mayor Bob Iden

It's hard to believe we are already into the second month of 2008. We have a lot to look forward to here in Bloomingdale this year.

We already have a few developments slated. Alden Gardens, a 5-story, 90 unit assisted living facility will go up on Army Trail Road, just east of Glen Ellyn Road, next to Alden Valley Ridge. The Tower Records store, on west Army Trail Road, will be demolished in Spring 2008, and replaced with retail.

The Scottish Rite will build a headquarters at the corner of Medinah Road & Lake Street in Spring 2008. This will complete the development on the old Adventureland parcel. Also, planning to build on the south side of PetSmart on Gary Avenue is a Bed, Bath & Beyond store.

Some updates from 2007 –

In December, I wrote about electric power outages. As a result of Village Board meetings with Com Ed, the utility company committed to make repairs and improvements in order to address the cause of some of the past outages. I am pleased to report that Com Ed is doing that work, in line with the schedule they provided. Village staff will continue to monitor their progress, and I will update on the additional work later this year. Residents are reminded that power outages should always be reported to Com Ed at 1-800-Edison1. If your neighbor's power comes back and yours has not, you should call that number again.

Stratford Square Mall management reports that the new Century Theaters have been very well received by the community. Because of the theaters' success, mall officials will soon be publicizing the names of two restaurants which have also decided to locate in the mall. Watch the local papers for that announcement.

The Old School House at Lake & Third streets, which we had been renovating in 2007, is complete. Both the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce and Bloomingdale Historical Society are now headquartered there. I can't think of two more fitting groups to inhabit the space – one a curator to preserve the memory of how we got here, the other a moving force in our growth and prosperity. The community is invited to stop by on February 21 from 4-7 p.m. to an open house showcasing this historic building.

And speaking of history, the Village of Bloomingdale is marking its 175th anniversary on March 11th. What a great year to see the 1894 schoolhouse come into use again. Also, in celebration, the Bloomingdale Historical Society has written a book covering Bloomingdale's first 150 years, which will be released on March 11, Founders Day. For more information on the book and the reception in honor of its release, see page 6.

The Bloomingdale Business Promotion and Cultural Development Committee has also found a way to celebrate the anniversary that will benefit both residents and local businesses. The "B-card" promotion will offer special discounts from participating Bloomingdale businesses to all residents carrying a B-Card (found in the middle of the insert). The promotion runs from March 7 through March 16.

And last, but definitely not least, I need to thank our employees and our commission members for all they have done for the Village over the past year. You will find the volunteers names on page 8 and a re-cap of just a few of the many employee endeavors on behalf of the Village on pages 10 and 11.



"Cops and Kids for Christmas" was a great experience for both the cops and the kids! See page 28 for story and more photos.

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

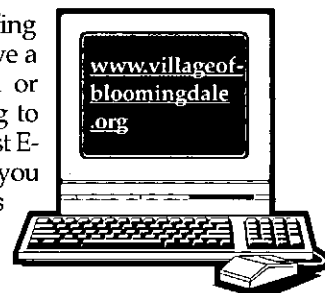
*Finance, Personnel and
Administration*

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.villageofbloomingdale.org

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

Welcome Officer Cressman



Our newest police officer, Joseph Cressman, was sworn in by Mayor Iden last month. He is currently attending the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy. He is pictured here with his wife, Gabrielle, and Police Chief Tim Goergen.

Spring Curbside Branch Collection Set for Week of April 21

Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. will once again perform branch collection under the direction of the Village Forestry Division. Branch collection will begin on Monday, April 21st. The program is only available to single family detached residences. Townhome residents should contact their association regarding branch collection..

BRANCH COLLECTION GUIDELINES:

- Branches must be out by 7:00 a.m. on Monday, April 21.
- Woody branches 1/2 inch to 6 inches in diameter are the only items that will be picked up. (Note: any spikes, hooks or other metal objects must be removed).
- Long lengths are favored provided branches do not block sidewalks and pedestrian access.
- All branches should be placed at the curb or pavement edge and stacked in an orderly fashion with the cut or larger end towards the pavement.
- Thorny tree branches should not be concealed inside piles. These require special care as to not cause injuries to the workers.

The following items are unacceptable:

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

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

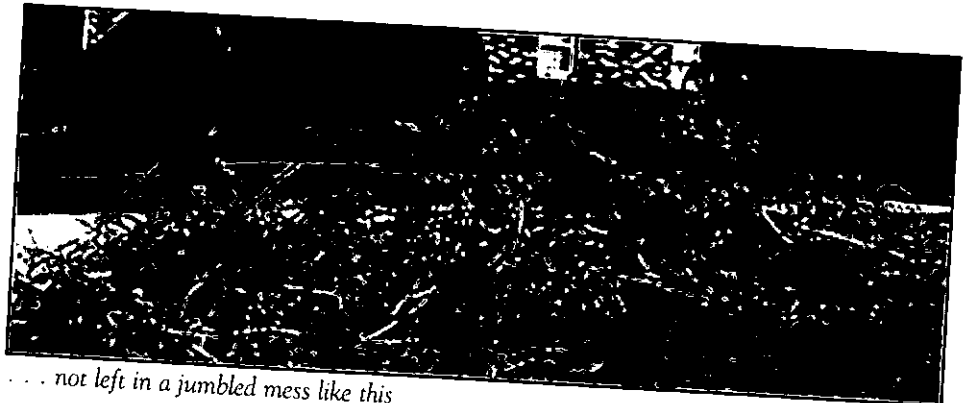
*Large stumps, roots and root balls are considered trash and do not require a yard waste tag, provided each item is of manageable size and under 50 pounds. Wooden fencing and construction lumber are also considered trash, but require a special pick-up. Contact Allied Waste for more information

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

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



Branches should be neatly stacked like this . . .



. . . not left in a jumbled mess like this

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IN ACTION

The Bloomington Police Department publicly recognizes and expresses sincere gratitude to the residents listed below. The time and dedication as volunteer Neighborhood Watch Block Captains have led to the continued success of the program. Thanks to all of them for their contributions throughout the year to promote safety and enhance the quality of life for our community.

Mary Albert	Connie Hasselbach	Jack Sassmann
Bill Bahr	Juanita Hathaway	Susan Schembari
Cindy Barber	Jacquelyne Hill	Rhonda Schubert
Robert Becker	Donna Hoidas	John Schultz
Anna Marie Bergl	Dorothy Jaskey	Robyn Scurek
Pam Brewer	Gretchen Johnson	Kendra Siegle
Gregg Burgess	George & Gloria Kas	John Sofere
Andre Burke	Joyce Klinowski	Nilofer Sohel
Brad Butler	Joseph Kuzdzal	Juanita Soyaut
Lee Clarbourn	Rita & Frank Letizia	Enza Vicari
Bart Cohen	Anthony & Theresa	Susan Voelker
Carol Cosentino	Lobrac	Mary Theresa Wedel
Patricia Cox	Rozanne Malott	Bob Wikrent
Susan Culhane	John Manos	Bill Wirkus
Ray Cullerton	Judy Martin	Louise Zeitoun
Josephine Dabrowski	Patrick McNamara	
Sam D'Amico	Jane & Gil Michelotti	
Janet Davitt	Carol Neff	
Bonnie Decoursey	Carol Nies	
Mary Ann Divenere	Nancy O'Leary	
Monica Dolhun	Holly Paoletti	
Donna Doyle	Sandra Perakis	
Paula Duffey	Dawn Percudani	
Patty Eagleton	Dorothy Prohaska	
Tim Fenner	Patrick Quigley	
Mary Sue Fornari	Bernard Rapacz	
Amy Frane	Marvin Roehlke	
Mitch & Vivi Frumkin	Gail Rohlfing	
Laura Geraci	Roger Rossi	
Sally Gill	Cynthia Rothamer	
Patrick Griffin	Judi Rotondo	
Charissa Hannigan	Lewis Sapien	

Neighborhood Watch Calendar of Upcoming Events

GENERAL MEETINGS
3rd Wednesday evening
of every other month at
7:30 PM in the Village
Hall Council Room:

March 19
May 21
July 16
September 17
November 19

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
AGAINST CRIME --
BLOOMINGDALE PARK
DISTRICT
Tuesday, August 5, 2008
6:00-9:00 PM

WELCOME
Bloomington is a
CRIME WATCH
community



We immediately report
all suspicious activities
to our Police Department

OUR SUCCESS IS
MEASURED BY THE SCOPE
OF YOUR INVOLVEMENT

Sincerely,

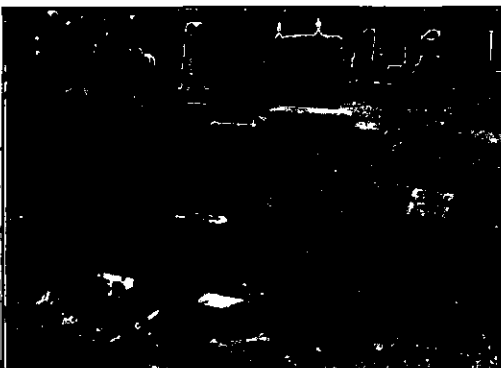
Tim Goergen, Dawn Odoi,
Chief of Police Community Policing Officer

529-9868



Bloomingdale's Lions Share the Spirit of the Season

Several members of the Bloomingdale Lions Club volunteered their time to do some shopping at Jewel-Osco to make Christmas baskets for some local families in need at the holidays. As you can see, it is a popular event and the Lions seem to have a great time in this charitable mission.



Honoring Our Vets

Thanks to the generosity of Platt Hill Nursery and the Bloomingdale VFW, in cooperation with the Bloomingdale Historical Society, holiday wreaths were placed on the graves of all the veterans buried in the St. Paul/Evergreen Cemetery on Lake Street.

CodeRED Emergency Notification System: New Technology Lets Us Call You to Let You Know About Emergency Situations

The Village has instituted the CodeRED Emergency Notification System - an ultra high-speed telephone communication service for emergency notifications.

CodeRED allows us to telephone either the whole Village, or targeted areas of the Village in case of an emergency situation that requires immediate action (such as a boil water notice, gas leak, missing child, etc.) The system is capable of dialing 50,000 phone numbers per hour.

The recorded message will be delivered to a live person or to an answering machine, making three attempts to connect to the home telephone first, and then to the registered cell number and/or e-mail address.

Bloomingdale residents with published telephone numbers are already included in the existing CodeRED database. If you are a resident with a non-published or unlisted phone number, or if you would like to add your cell phone or e-mail address as a back-up notification, you may register for CodeRED online at www.villageofbloomingdale.org



You may now pay your utility bill by Visa or MasterCard, either in-person or by telephone.

To pay by phone, please call the Village Hall at (630) 893-7000.



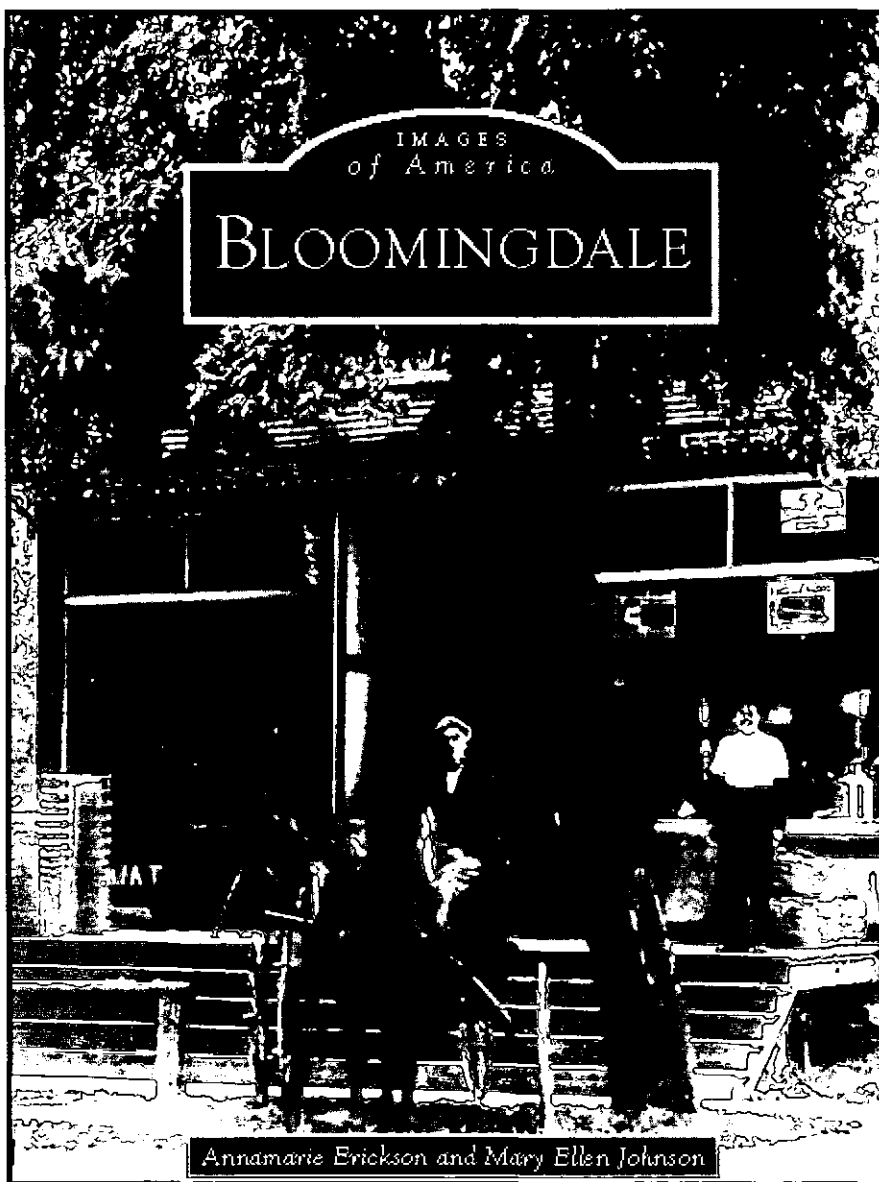
It's the Book Bloomingdale Has Been Waiting For -- Our Village's History Told Through Photos And Stories

The book on the history of Bloomingdale as told through photographs and captions is almost here! The book is due out in March 2008, in celebration of the Village's 175th anniversary. Covering from 1833 through 1983, it is amazing to see how Bloomingdale changed in a mere 150 years. The paperback includes information about Bloomingdale residents who fought in the Civil War. Historic views of current areas and structures are featured, including historic photos of the recently renovated old school at Lake and Third Street. There are also many pictures of friends & neighbors from the past.

Most of the photographs used in the book were either donated to the Bloomingdale Library's Local History Room or loaned to the Historical Society from local residents or their descendents. All proceeds from the book will go to the Bloomingdale Historical Society for educational efforts, as well as for the preservation and display of historic items.

The Bloomingdale Historical Society will be hosting a "Reflections" afternoon on Sunday, March 9 at the Bloomingdale Public Library from 2-4:30 p.m. The afternoon will feature informal visits with many of the people who have contributed to the book, either through photographs or through their oral histories. Selected photos will be on display. The Historical Society is also working with the publisher to have books available on that day. Everyone is invited to the free afternoon. Light refreshments will be served. The library does ask that those planning to attend please RSVP to Kandy at 630-924-2765 in order that the staff will have sufficient refreshments.

The Historical Society has ordered a limited number of first-run books. If you are interested in reserving a copy, please fill out the form below. After March 11, books will also be available at the Village Hall, Bloomingdale Library and at the Chamber office, 108 W. Lake Street, while supplies last.



Bloomingdale Historical Book Order Form

Name: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Address: _____

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



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 the Village portion of your property tax bill low.

Remember - BUY IN BLOOMINGDALE.

NEW BUSINESSES

PIZZERIA ANTICA OFFERS TASTE OF ITALY: If you are looking for a taste of real Italy, look no further than Pizzeria Antica, 119 W. Lake Street, just west of Bloomingdale Road. The eatery was opened in December by three friends - Gaetano Ancona, Vito Lanotte and Antonio Romano. Romano previously operated a pizzeria in Addison and owns the Romano brand Italian foods. Ancona and Lanotte, both of whom were chefs in Italy, brought with them the authentic recipes used in the restaurant.

The young men make their own bocconcini for Le Pizze Italiane, such as Quattro Formaggi and Capricciosa. Other specialties are panzerotto and arancino (rice balls). Rounding out the menu are appetizers, salads, grilled panini, hot and cold sandwiches, thin pizzas with a variety of toppings, and dessert - homemade tiramisu and cheesecake. Coming soon will also be pasta dishes, espresso and cappuccino. The prices are reasonable, the food excellent. Dine in, carry out or request delivery. Pizzeria Antica is open Tues-Thurs 11 am - 10 pm, Fri-Sat 11 am - midnight and Sunday 1 - 10 pm. Call 630-307-0300. Pizzeria Antica is a B-card participant. Check out their special on the pull-out page.

BUSINESSES NEWS

INNER AWARENESS HYPNOSIS NOW OFFERING CAREER TRAINING & CERTIFICATION: In response to the growing demand for professionally trained and qualified Consulting Hypnotists, Inner Awareness Hypnosis Center, LLC, has just received approval from the State of Illinois to become a private and vocational school and holds a Certificate To Operate Issued By the Illinois State Superintendent of Education.

The school offers Hypnotism Certification Training for individuals who desire a career change or career advancement, or who want to work with people in a private professional setting of their own. Ardean Calloway, is a Certified Consulting Hypnotist and Instructor for the National Guild of Hypnotists, and is founder and Administrator of IAHC. In addition to teaching Hypnotism Certification Training, she maintains a private practice at 113 Fairfield Way, Ste. 204. She is a member of the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce, the Association for the Advancement of Ethical Hypnosis, and a Certified instructor for the Silva Method™ Training Program. For more information, please visit www.innerawarehypnosis.com or call 847-816-0289.



Tony and Trina Man (2nd & 4th from the left) posed with Master Chef Martin Yan of "Yan Can Cook", and "Top Chef's" Lce Anne Wong, who announced the top 100 winners.

MANDARIN BISTRO NAMED TOP 100 CHINESE RESTAURANTS: Tony & Trina Man are very proud to announce that their restaurant, Mandarin Bistro, 156 E. Lake Street (in Springbrook), has been named one of the Top 100 Chinese Restaurants in the USA for 2007 in the category of overall excellence. Following the application, the restaurant was evaluated on a number of points, and was visited anonymously by a Mystery Diner, who added a personal evaluation. The award ceremony took place in New York in November. Mandarin Bistro features the upscale cuisine served to the royal family and high officials in China. The house special is a fresh spring roll, which is boiled shrimp and chicken mixed with fresh vegetables and wrapped in thin rice paper. The eating establishment has been a local favorite since its opening two years ago.

KEVIN JORDAN RECEIVES ASSET MANAGEMENT DESIGNATION: Kevin L. Jordan of the financial services firm Edward Jones in Bloomingdale, has achieved the professional designation of Accredited Asset Management Specialist from the Denver-based College for Financial Planning. This advance training offers investment professional the hands-on information needed to provide comprehensive financial services, such as understanding asset allocation and strategies. Jordan works directly with his clients to understand their personal goals from college savings to retirement. He has been with Edward Jones for four years and can be reached at 630-893-1996.



Numerous Scholarships Available to Graduating High School Seniors

The Bloomingdale Women's Club announces the availability of applications for one \$1,000 scholarship for 2008. The scholarship is available to male or female high school seniors who reside in Bloomingdale. A grade point average of C or better is required. Enrollment in any post-high school program, including 2- and 4-year college, trade school or specialized program is eligible for this scholarship.

Applications will be available after February 1 in local high school counselors' offices and in the Village Hall. They are due back to the club by April 1. For more information call Rose Fitzpatrick at 630-291-3667.

The Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce will also be offering scholarships to graduating seniors and continuing post secondary students for vocational, business or a two- or four-year college. Candidates must be a Bloomingdale resident or employee of a Bloomingdale Chamber member. Previous Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce scholarship winners will not be considered. Applications will be available at the Chamber office, 108 W. Lake Street, on the website, or at the Bloomingdale Village Hall after February 15. Call the Chamber office at 980-9082 for more information.

College-bound high school seniors who have attended District 13 schools are invited to apply for scholarships available through the district.

A \$750 scholarship is being offered from the DuJardin Parent-Teacher-Organization (PTO); a \$750 scholarship is being offered from the Erickson PTO. Westfield Middle School is offering two \$750 scholarships: the annual scholarship from the Student-Teacher-Parent organization, and one from former Westfield Social Studies teacher Jay Perkins in memory of his late wife Patti.

Past students of both DuJardin and Erickson may apply to only the school most recently attended. Students who attended one of the elementary schools and Westfield Middle School may apply to the elementary school as well as to Westfield.

Applications will be available from Lake Park High School and Driscoll High School counselors' offices, the District 13 school offices and can be downloaded from the district's web page, www.sd13.org. Applications must be submitted by April 4. Winners will be selected by a committee evaluating the students' applications, grade point averages, introductory letters, and letters of recommendation. Winners will be notified in early May. For more information, contact the District 13 office at (630) 893-9590.

State Representative Franco Coladipietro is now accepting applications for students wishing to be considered for a 2007-2008 General Assembly Scholarship. The scholarship through his office is available to residents of the 45th representative district, which includes parts of Bloomingdale. It covers tuition for the fall, spring, and summer terms at any four-year Illinois public university.

Applications can be requested by calling the district office, as well as available at the district high schools and the College of DuPage. All applications and supporting materials must reach the district office no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 20, 2007.

The recipients will be chosen by Representative Coladipietro's Scholarship Advisory Committee and will be notified by mail during the summer. For more information, please call Joyce at (630) 582-0045.

Watch the April issue of the Almanac for information on the 2008 Joe Draghi Septemberfest Scholarship available to Bloomingdale residents.



Thanks!

The Village of Bloomingdale depends on the efforts of a variety of commissions and committees during the year. Each serves a specific purpose and is made up of volunteers, many of whom contribute a good deal of time to carry out the work of the commission. We extend thanks to the following individuals who have given so freely of their time during 2007.

Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee

Jacki Unger	John Vertnik
Branka Poplonski	Remo Turano
Georgene Geils	Bob Allen
Lori Selvaggi	

Board of Fire & Police Commissioners

Warren Gnau	Frank Letizia
	Louis Pavone

Police Pension Board

Jeff Fritz	Len Jaster
Steve Apostolopoulos	Alan Birkley
	Randy Sater

Plan Commission

J. Thomas Brice	Guy Sanalidro
Jeff Dolce	Ron Fangusaro
Tim Lauing	Dan Hauser
Dan Proctor	

Septemberfest Commission

Carole Lockhart	Marilyn Zaccardi
Dolores Orlik	Jill Mixer
Gloria Tomaras	Bill Wolff
Mitch Frumkin	

Family Fest Commission

Guy Sanalidro	Milton Clark
Tim Jarzemyk	Kandice Krettler
Julie Deeke	Dennis Szafran



Recognize Good Character

CHARACTER COUNTS!™

Recognition Program Nomination Form

The program is easy! All you have to do is complete this form when you see a member of the Bloomingdale Community who lives, works, or attends school in Bloomingdale exhibiting outstanding character. Just check the pillar that applies and write a brief description of what you saw the individual doing. Return this form to any Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition Member (School District 13, Westfield Middle School, Erickson School, DuJardin School, Winnebago School, Bloomingdale Police Department, Village Hall, Bloomingdale Park District -Johnston Recreation Center, Bloomingdale Township, or the Bloomingdale Library. Nominees will be recognized at the Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition's Annual Recognition Breakfast on Saturday, May 3rd. Forms must be submitted by April 14th.

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|-----------------------|---|
| _____ Trustworthiness | Individual is honest. Keeps promises. Shows commitment and courage. |
| _____ Respect | Follows the Golden Rule. Is tolerant of people's differences. Respects others' opinions. Settles disputes peacefully. |
| _____ Responsibility | Individual is accountable for choices. Sets a good example. Uses self control. Always does his/her best. |
| _____ Fairness | Always willing to listen. Teaches and models fair play. |
| _____ Caring | Act of kindness. Individual is compassionate. Expresses gratitude. Helps others. |
| _____ Citizenship | Obeys laws and rules. Protects the environment. Respects authority. Is a good neighbor. Cooperative. |

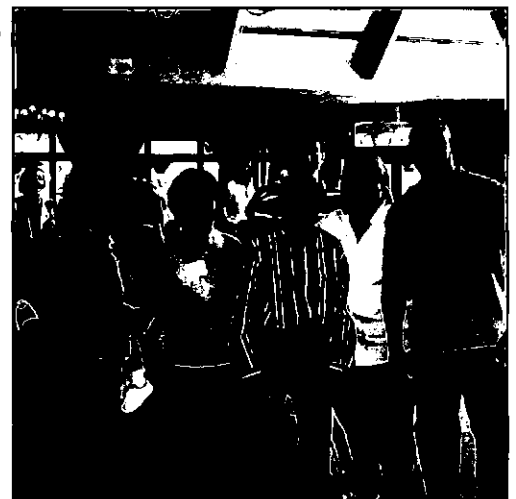
Name of person being nominated: _____

Address & phone number of person being nominated: _____

Name of person submitting form _____

Address & phone number of person submitting __: _____

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



His Character Counts!

For additional information, please call Sandy at (630) 529-3650 or email sandy@bloomingdaleparks.org or fax to (630) 529-9184.

The CHARACTER COUNTS!SM
Recognition Program is a project of the Bloomingdale
CHARACTER COUNTS!™ Coalition.

Last year one of the residents honored was Frank Maranto, shown here surrounded by friends and family. Maranto, who retired at the end of the school year, was recognized for exhibiting outstanding character in his work as a crossing guard at DuJardin Elementary School.

Village Accomplishments in 20

Each year the February Almanac lists employees who have reached a milestone anniversary with the Village. In addition to that recognition, we'd like to highlight some of the activities and accomplishments of the various employee divisions. This is by no means a complete list, but highlights from most of the areas.

A number of projects enlisted the help of several groups of employees. These are:

- Crisis Management Team working with other Village groups on Emergency Preparedness
- Work on the Old School building
- Family Fest & Septemberfest
- Redesign of the Village's Website

Finance Department

We appreciate the efforts of all the Finance staff during the time that the Assistant Finance director position was vacant (since May of 2007). We are pleased to announce David Meimers has joined our staff in this role in January.

Also, some "fascinating financial" statistics from 2007...

- Accounts Payable issued over 4,000 payments
- Utility Billing issued over 54,000 bills, reminders and late notices
- Payroll issued over 1,200 paychecks
- Accounting issued over 700 invoices
- The front counter accepted over 600 credit card payments.

Police

- Chief Tim Goergen taught a "Leadership Academy" to Police supervisors and HR Director Kay Argo.
- The men and women of the Police Department continued to provide quality service to the public, as well as foster a feeling of security and safety to our residents and businesses
- The department also increased pro-active participation in our schools and continued its connection with the seniors



Village Services – 9 Divisions

Members of several of these divisions are part of the Snow and Ice Response Team and have already had several opportunities to prove themselves this season! Other activities and responsibilities are listed below each division.

Streets

- New Pavement Patching Initiatives
- Lake Street street-light maintenance
- New employee training

Forestry

- Emerald Ash Borer Response Plan
- Streetscape Beautification Program
- Earned our 13th consecutive Tree City Award

Building & Grounds

- Balanced the maintenance needs of all departments
- Additional efforts for outdoor Library events and Village fests
- Created an Emergency Planning Room in the Police Department



7 — So Much to be Proud Of!

Equipment Maintenance

Continued to expand special skills and expertise to maintain Village-wide vehicle fleet, which includes squad cars, trucks and equipment

Utilities Distribution

- Worked on lift station beautification with Forestry Division
- Continued excellent emergency response on main breaks, sewer back-ups and power outages

Utilities Production

- Maintain a low percentage of "unaccounted for" water use
- Continued to supply reliable and safe water for consumption.

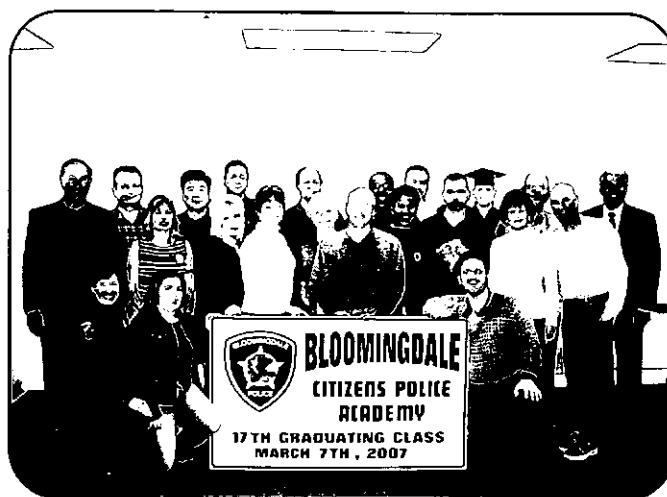


Water Reclamation

Maintained National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit compliance in operations during the construction of Phase I Improvements to the Water Reclamation Facility (which is not an easy thing to do.)

Engineering

- Road Program
- Schick Road Local Agency Pavement Protection
- Lake Street & Springfield Intersection Traffic Signal
- Installed recreational path benches (with Street Division)
- Camden Drive Watermain Repairs/Restoration (large project)

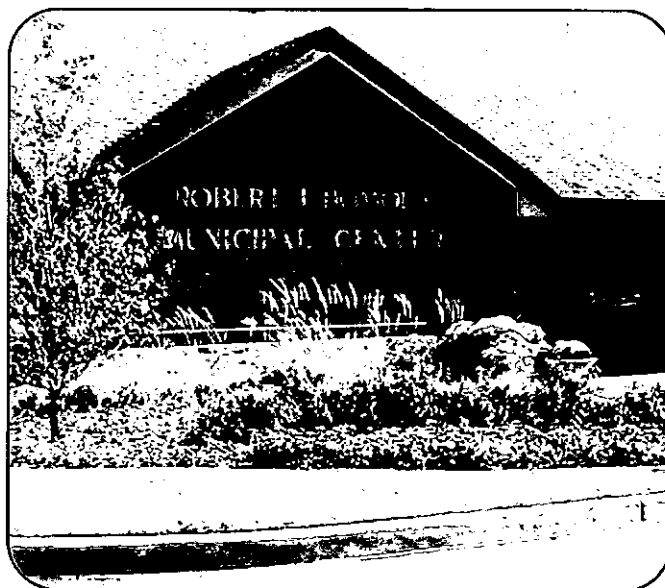


Building & Zoning

- Continued Property maintenance inspections and building code updates
- Worked closely with Planning & Development to monitor construction projects, such as Alden properties, Toll Brothers Townhomes, Century Theaters and Jamesons, to name a few.

Informational Services

One-person department continued to meet challenges of new technology, such as mobile computers and wireless communications



MARSHALL GRAY INDUCTED INTO ST. VIATOR HIGH SCHOOL

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME: Resident Marshall Gray was inducted into the St. Viator High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2007 in recognition of his contributions to the school's hockey program.

In 1972, Gray was invited to participate in the start up of a hockey program at St. Viator's. Located in Arlington Heights, the high school was an all-male school at that time. Gray himself had played hockey out East while in high school, prep school and college.

He ended up managing the team for eight years through 1980. This was a strictly volunteer position as the high school hockey club was not funded through the school budget. His many duties included renting of ice, conducting practices and coaching the games, as well as fundraising. Gray's son, Marshall III, known as Lee, played from 1976-80 and was a starter all four years. He was also an alternate captain in his junior and senior years.

In 1979, the team won conference and went on to be #2 in the state. Gray says his years with St. Viator were a wonderful experience. He enjoyed working with the students and the challenge of helping them become better people and better hockey players.

He was both moved and honored by his induction into the Hall of Fame. He is also proud to say the team still exists and continues to compete well. He manages to stay in touch with some of the players he coached. Marshall and his wife Sandie have resided in Bloomingdale for 17 1/2 years.



LOOKING TO HELP OUT?

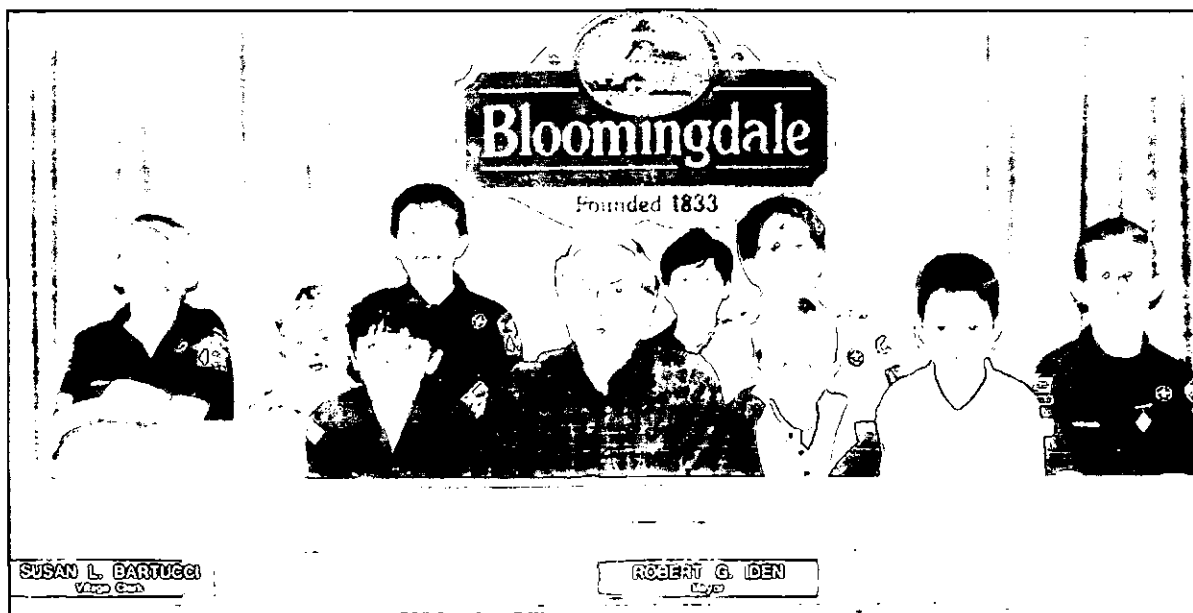
The DuPage Senior Citizens Council needs help delivering meals Monday - Friday to homebound senior citizens between 10:30 a.m. and 12 noon. Volunteers can deliver daily, weekly or as a substitute. Routes take an hour and driving directions will be provided. Volunteer alone, with your children, spouse or friends. This nutritional program offers these homebound seniors a vital human connection they often miss. Bloomingdale Township on Rosedale Road in Bloomingdale is one of the 12 meal pickup locations in DuPage County. Call 630-620-0804, ext. 26 to sign up.

BREAKFAST IS SERVED!

The long-awaited Bentley's Pancake House and Restaurant opened in Springbrook Shopping Center in January. The eatery is open from 6 a.m. - 3 p.m. daily. Watch for more info in the next issue of the Almanac.

SCOUTING WITH THE MAYOR

The Webelos Den from St. Isidore Cub Scout Pack 401 visited Mayor Iden as part of their preparation for the citizenship badge. Here they get to see the view from the Mayor's seat in the Council Room.



NEW BUSINESS NETWORKING OPPORTUNITY

Christopher Sobey of American Chartered Bank wants to work more diligently in 2008 to develop relationships with area business owners. To this end, he invites local business owners to join American Chartered Bank's Business Networking Group. Beginning February 13, the group will meet every other week in the morning at the Bloomingdale branch, 485 W. Army Trail Road. There is no cost to join the group and Sobey believes each business involved can benefit from this interaction between the businesses. He is offering a completely free platform to socialize on a regular basis with other area small business owners. The coffee and refreshments are on American Chartered. Call Sobey at 630-510-4311 or email him at csobey@american-chartered.com to learn more.

'EVENING IN THE ORIENT' ON MARCH 7

The Western DuPage Special Recreation Association Foundation plans an exciting evening at "The Pearls of the Orient," its 14th Annual Charity Auction on March 7 at the Abbington, Glen Ellyn. Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Orient, dinner, open bar, live & silent auctions. Tickets are \$70 before February 15, \$80 after. For more information or to register call (630) 681-0962 or visit wdsra.com.

GOING STRONG AFTER 25 YEARS

On December 13, the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce held its Annual Holiday Luncheon and Awards Recognition at the Hilton Chicago Indian Lakes Resort in Bloomingdale. As part of the program the Chamber celebrated its 25th Anniversary with 190 members present.

Feroz Ahmed of LPI Financial was recognized as Ambassador of the Year for his efforts to welcome and assist new businesses. In addition, he works hard to encourage involvement in Chamber activities. He has been a member of the Chamber Board of Directors since 2003.

Business Person of the Year was presented to **Salomon Diaz** with Outback Steakhouse. Salomon and Outback are both committed to community service and sponsor many events for community organizations. In 2007 they donated the entire proceeds from a luncheon to the Chamber scholarship fund. With the success of the luncheon, the Chamber was able to double its scholarship program.

Old Town Bank and Trust of Bloomingdale was presented the Business of the Year award for its ongoing commitment to the Village of Bloomingdale. In a short period of time the bank has shown itself to be a leader in support of Chamber and community activities. Bank officials have served on a variety of Chamber committees and the bank has co-sponsored a variety of Chamber activities, including the golf outing and the 25th anniversary events.

This year's Rookie of the Year was presented to **Tom Lewandowski** of Insty Prints - Roselle. Tom joined the Chamber in 2007 and immediately joined in with the 25th Anniversary Committee and the Open House Committee. Tom has made an impact in a short period of time.

This year's luncheon provided the Chamber with an opportunity to celebrate its 25th Anniversary. On hand to share in the festivities were thirteen past presidents. Pictured are, seated, **Lea Jackman, Branka Poplonski, Liana Mirea and Rae Novak**. Standing are **Gene Abbott, Ed Levato, Jim Casement, Gary Schira, Bob Allen, Al Spagnola, Jim Luberd, Jerry Gordon and Paul Paoletti**.



EVENTS

**Golf Club's Lenten Fish Fry Begins February 8;
Easter Brunch on March 23**

Bloomington Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road, will begin Friday night Lenten Fish Fry on February 8 through March 21. Dinner is served beginning at 4:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. No reservations are accepted. For more information call 630-529-3380.

Easter Brunch will be featured at Bloomington Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road, on Easter Sunday, March 23. Reservations are required. Call the Golf Club at 630-529-3380.

**Villagers' February 7 Meeting Highlights the Hathaways 30
Years of Travels to Third World Countries**

Residents Norman & Juanita

Hathaway are world travelers who have spent the last 30 years traveling third world countries. The couple has brought back souvenirs and photographs from countries all



over the world. On Thursday, February 7, the Hathaways will present a travelogue program on the people of Bolivia for the Villagers of Bloomington meeting at the Bloomington Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way. Learn

about living on floating islands, buying love potions and hiking in Valle de la Luna. The club invites couples and singles to this interesting and free program beginning at 6:30 p.m.

On March 6, the Villagers of Bloomington will host Professor Victorio Gustino, Chicago historian, presenting a program on the history of Chicago, followed by a question and answer period. This free program is also open to all interested and begins at 6:30 p.m. at the library.

Garden Club February 20 Program Features Native Plants

The Bloomington Garden Club will present Debbi Gavon of the DuPage County Forest Preserve District at its Wednesday, February 20th meeting. Gavon will discuss "Introducing Native Plants to a Traditional Garden of Perennials and Annuals" beginning at 6:30 in Room B at the Bloomington Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way.

Native plants are beautiful, hardy, easy to maintain, and beneficial to the environment. Native plants naturally adapt, providing shelter and food to native wildlife more consistently, even during drought or freezing conditions. All are invited to this informative program. Contact Debbie DeChinistso at 630-351-1010 for more information

**Fun for All Ages at
Lions Club's March 8
Easter Egg Hunt**

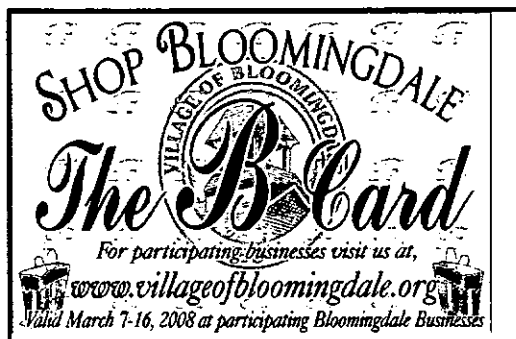
The Bloomington Lions Club will be hosting its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 8 at Circle Park starting at 11:00 a.m.

The hunt is early this year and could be cold, but the Lions promise fun for all. Children ages 2, 3 & 4 will participate in the Egg Hunt in the playground area. Children ages 5-6 and 7-8 will participate in the Egg Roll Race on the field.

The Easter Egg Hunt has been a tradition in Bloomington for more than 30 years. Last year more than 100 youngsters, with their parents, enjoyed the event.

**LIBRARY CLOSED ON FEBRUARY 22**

The Bloomington Public Library will be closed on Friday, February 22, 2008 for a staff in-service.



The B-Card: Your Ticket to Great Values in Bloomingdale!

In celebration of Bloomingdale's 175th anniversary on March 11, 2008, the Village of Bloomingdale encourages all Bloomingdale residents and workers to BUY IN BLOOMINGDALE! To support this initiative, the Bloomingdale Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee introduces the B-Card. The B-Card is a special promotion, which offers Bloomingdale residents and workers who display the B-Card, special discounts from March 7 – March 16. There are over 120 participating businesses to date, including 50 from Stratford Square.

More businesses are expected to sign up and will be listed on the Village's website – www.villageofbloomington.org. A final list will also be available at the Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road and at the Library, 101 Fairfield Way, at the beginning of March. Participating businesses

will have a sign in their window which looks much like the card you will be carrying. Take this opportunity to try a new store, new service or new restaurant. Cut out the B-Card and remember to take it with you – **the only way** to get your discount is to present the B-Card.

Once again, the effective dates are March 7 – March 16. These promotions are only good during this time - the card is no longer valid on March 17. Happy Shopping, and remember – Buy in Bloomingdale!

(Businesses may still sign up to participate by March 1 – check the Village's website noted above or call Mary Ellen in the Mayor's office to enroll – 630-671-5600. If you faxed in a form, but do not see your name and special promotion, please call Mary Ellen at the above number.)

Participating Business

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Absolute Solutions, Inc.
201 E. Army Trail Road,
Suite 310
630-893-3399

25% off any one Microsoft
Technical Course (discount
applies to regular price.)

**ACRE – American Commercial
Real Estate Inc.**
1 Tiffany Pointe, Suite 100
630-894-2100
info@acre-chicago.com

1% off listing commissions
signed between March 7-
March 16, 2008

American Chartered Bank
485 W. Army Trail road
630-510-4400
csobey@americanchartered.com

1/4% bonus added to the
annual percentage yield of
any new Certificate of
Deposit offered at the bank.
Free box of checks when you
open new checking account

American Mattress
394 Army Trail Road
630-582-8500
www.Americanmattress.com

10% off all purchases

Amici's Salon
156 S. Bloomingdale Road
630-295-5999
www.amicissalon.com

\$5 off any \$25 in retail
product - Aquage,
Schwarzkopf, Enjoy, AG
and men's Redken products

Angela Christie Salon
360-16 W. Schick Road
630-351-2040

\$10 off any service

Army Trail Shell LLC
250 E. Army Trail Road
630-894-8055
atshell@yahoo.com

Free PREMIUM car wash
and coffee/cappuccino with
any \$20 gas purchase

Artful Touch Spa
Full Service for Men & Women
154 S. Bloomingdale Road
630-893-1145
www.artfultouchdayspa.com

10 % off massages & facials

Back to Bed
185 E. Lake Street
630-980-0600
Backtobed.com

Save 20% on all Simmons
Beautyrest

Berman's Big & Tall Men's Shop
148 E. Lake Street
630-351-4866
bermansbigtall@sbcglobal.net

10% off your total purchase
– includes sale merchandise

Bev's Hallmark
152 S. Gary Avenue
630-582-2541

\$5 off a \$25 purchases

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Bloomingtondale Optical
152 S. Bloomingtondale Road,
Suite 102
630-980-4446
optical79@hotmail.com

20% off frame and lens,
WITH exam or 10 % off
contacts (1year supply)
Not valid with insurance or
other coupons

Borics Hair Care
358 W. Army Trail Road
630-894-6883
www.Borics.com

\$2 off a haircut.
30% off retail

Bloomingtondale Pharmacy
156 S. Bloomingtondale Road
630-980-9198
Bloomingtondalepharmacy
@gmail.com

20% off total purchase,
excluding prescriptions.
\$2 off per prescription.

Busy Little Beads, Ltd.
160-A S. Bloomingtondale Road
630-351-2323
www.BusyLittlebeads.net

\$5 off any single purchase
of \$25 or more

**Capone's Pizzeria &
Restaurant**
120 Ridge Avenue
630-307-8477
lynneamac@yahoo.com

Buy one buffet for \$7.95,
get the second buffet served
1/2 off. Buffet served Mon
- Fri 11:30 am - 2 pm.

**Cartridge World
Bloomingtondale**
358 W. Army Trail Road,
Suite 150
630-893-6300
info@bloomingtondaleink.com

Take \$10 off your next
purchase of \$30 or more

Chartered Consultants
113 Fairfield Way,
Suite 201
630-894-0499
info@charteredconsultants.com

Free one-hour, no obligation
financial planning
introductory session

Chirospa
132 S. Ridge Unit D
630-893-5492
oldthcipro@aol.com

\$10 off any service in the
spa. Can't be combined
and no cash value. One per
customer/visit, service. Can
book multiple services and
save on each service.

**Christina Lyn's Hair
Salon & Spa**
110 S. Third Street (Old Town)
630-924-7342
fmpellegrino@sbcglobal.net

Come in for a highlight or
color, get a free eyebrow wax.
Free skin consultation with
any other paid services.
25% off any retail products

**Coldwell Banker -
Sandie Wilson**
355 Cardinal Drive
630-417-6206
Sandie.wilson@cb
exchange.com

FREE 13-month home
warranty through Home
Warranty of America to any
homeowner selling their home
or buying their home through
Sandie Wilson of Coldwell
Banker. Buying & selling? You
will get a home warranty for
the buyer of your home (great
incentive to offer) AND a
home warranty for YOU in
your new home.

DNR Music
227 E. Army Trail Road
630-980-1234
products@dnrmusicstore.com

\$5 off a \$25 purchase

DPA Laser Services, Inc
130 W. Lake Street, Unit 1
630-529-0481
dpalaserservices@yahoo.com

\$25 discount on any service
call - HP certified technicians/
100% warranty/service
printers/fax/copiers
\$5 discount on any supply
order printer/fax/
copier toner cartridges,
inkjets, drums

Tina Davies, CPA PC
270 Strathmore Lane
630-664-8239
tdaviescpa@sbcglobal.net

\$25 off new client personal
tax return
\$50 off new business tax
client return

Dinner by Design
366-360 W. Army Trail Road
630-893-0300
info@dbdbloomingtondale.com

Free Meal Assembly

Edible Arrangements
156A E. Lake Street
630-893-8740
ll689@ediblearrangements.com

\$4 off the price of an order
to be picked up
\$3 off the price of an order
to be delivered

Envy Hair Salon
278 Glen Ellyn Road
630-893-9000

\$5 off Haircut

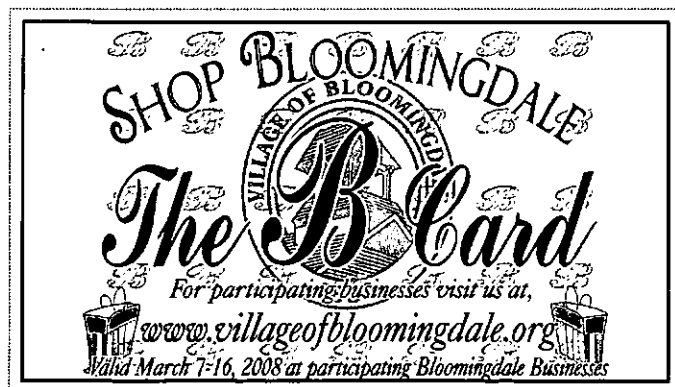
Executive Realty Group
140 W. Lake Street
630-745-7429 or
630-207-5035
PatandAleks@SuburbanHome
Team.com

For Sellers/Free Home
Warranty
For Buyers/Free Home
Inspection

Family HearCare Center
113 E. Lake Street
(Northeast corner of Lake &
Bloomingtondale Road)
630-307-0480

15% off any pair of Hearing
instruments

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**Present this card for special discounts from
participating Bloomingdale businesses**

**The *B-Card*:
Your Ticket to
Great Values
in Bloomingdale!**



Participating Business

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Fruitful Yield
154 S. Bloomingdale Road
630-894-2553
bloomingdale@fruitfulyield.com

Free Book & Goody Bag

Fox Tail Boutique, Inc
160 E Lake St
630-307-3699
foxtailbtq@yahoo.com

20% off a single item
10% off sale items

Fun In Motion, Inc
dba F.I.M. Stores
140 E. Lake Street
Springbrook Shopping Center
630-539-7795
alan@fimstores.com

10% off whole purchase

Green Valley Mortgage Inc
152 S. Bloomingdale Road,
Suite 101
630-539-1240
jodi@greenvalleymtg.com

Free credit report review &
cost of appraisal refunded
at time of closing (\$300
value)

Hairphazes
148-103 Bloomingdale Road
630-529-0112
shehlafareed@sbcglobal.net

\$5 off a \$25 purchase

Headlines
156 E. Lake Street
630-351-1313

20% off first-time color
and cuts

**Hilton Bloomingdale/Indian
Lakes Resort**
250 W. Schick Road
630-529-0200

25% off appetizer, entrée
& dessert at Masters
Clubhouse

Huntington Learning Center
369 W. Army Trail Road
630-893-0437
bld@kenitacorp.com

50% off diagnostic
evaluation

**Husqvarna Viking
Sewing Gallery**
Inside JoAnn Fabrics
360 W. Army Trail Road
630-351-8540
vikbloomingdale@earthlink.net

\$5 off of \$25 purchase

**Inner Awareness
Hypnosis Center**
113 Fairfield Way, Suite 204
847-816-0289
Ardean.calloway@sbcglobal.net

10% off the first three visits
of any stop smoking or
weight reduction program

Jenny Craig
358-160 W. Army Trail Road
630-894-0088

Free day of food with the
purchase of a program.
(\$18 value)

Just Picture This
130 N. Bloomingdale Road,
Suite 101
630-307-0606

FREE portrait session and
FREE 8 x 10 photograph
(a \$30 value)

**Kumon Math & Reading
Center of Bloomingdale**
160 S. Bloomingdale Road
630-539-7788 or 630-930-3722
urvishah@ikumon.com

Present B-card to receive
50% off registration fee
when a student enrolls.

La Estancia
237 E. Lake Street
630-307-0750
LLC511@juno.com

Buy 1 entrée, get 1 free –
up to \$12
Equal or less value-
dine in only

Lanza Portrait Design
194 Ashley Way
630-582-1322
slanza6610@comcast.net

\$250.00 off photography
services This offer is not to
be combined with any other
offers and may not be used
on previous purchases

Lee Auto Parts
160 S. Bloomingdale Road
630-894-6511
412btb@autowares.com

\$5 off a \$25 purchase

Lifetime Financial Partners
121 Fairfield Way, 3rd Floor
630-622-8637
DVANCE@LPFLOANS.com

Take \$300 off your closing
cost with the B-Card

Masterpiece Framing
156 E. Lake Street, Suite E
630-893-4390
info@mframing.com

\$30 off your next picture
framing order

Midwest Bank
236 W. Lake Street
630-295-8400
www.midwestbank.com

Free set of checks on all
new checking accounts (up
to \$40 value)

Molly Maid of Bloomingdale
630-529-9044
www.mollymaid.com

10% off all services for this
promotional period

Norgetown Drycleaners
156 K East Lake Street
630-894-0272

20 percent off an incoming
order

**NuFocus Biofeedback & Ion
Cleanse Detox Foot Bath
(Artful Touch Spa)**
154 S. Bloomingdale Road
847-894-2974

10% off

Old Town Chiropractic Center
132 S. Ridge, Unit B
630-893-7313
oldtchiro@aol.com

Initial visit including exam,
x-rays, therapy and
chiropractic adjustment for
\$50. This is a \$300 value.

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Optica Eye Specialists
322 W. Army Trail Road,
Suite 130
630-893-1450
opticaeyespec@sbcglobal.net

20% off total cost - exam,
contact lens fit, glasses,
contact lenses. Not to be
combined with insurance or
any other offer.

Oriental Buffet & Grill
366-320 W. Army Trail Road
630-295-8833

10 % off adult buffet

Pasta Bella
360-18 W. Schick Road
630-894-0330
Pcarni326@yahoo.com

\$5 off your next order of
\$25 or more

Pauli's BP
200 E. Lake Street
630-351-5257

Buy one large car wash, get
one FREE basic wash

Photography by June
630-307-2997
photobyjune@sbcglobal.net

Take 10% off package price

Pizzeria Antica
119 W. Lake Street
630-307-0300
PizzeriaAntica@sbcglobal.net

25% off the total bill

Platinum Salon & Medical Spa
81 Stratford Drive
630-893-2100
info@platinumsalon-spa.com

\$5 off a service \$25 or
greater
10% off retail purchases

Prestige Cleaners
360 W. Schick Road
630-893-2112

20% off all incoming orders

Prontos Premium Pizza
160 S. Bloomingdale Road
630-980-7383
www.pizzabepronto.com

Buy 1 pizza, get 1 pizza
free (equal or lesser value)
Maximum value \$15

Ristorante Amalfi
298 Glen Ellyn Road
630-893-9222

Buy 1 entrée at regular price,
plus 2 beverages, get a 2nd
entrée of equal or lesser value
free. Maximum value up to
\$10. Not valid on Saturday or
Sunday or with any other offer.

Rhonda Maden
Licensed Electrologist
(Artful Touch)
154 S. Bloomingdale Road
630-724-7572

\$10 off an electrolysis
treatment

Rooster's Bar & Grill
122 W. Lake Street
630-307-9995
Bigroosters@hotmail.com

Buy one breakfast, lunch or
dinner, get the second of
equal or lesser value half-off.
Not valid on All-You-Can-Eat
specials. Dine in only.

Salon Blue Hair and Nails
132 Ridge
630-893-8422
SalonBlue132@aol.com

1st time client - Free haircut
with purchased highlights
(\$40 savings)
1st time client - Free manicure
with purchased pedicure
(\$15 savings)

Sassy's Originals
360 W. Schick Road Ste11-12
630-894-1395

15% off all regular priced
merchandise

Sign*A*Rama
369 W. Army Trail Road
630-351-8400
service@signswithstyle.com

\$20 off any \$100 in house
sign

Sporty's Catering
442 W. Army Trail Road
630-980-6619
sportyscatering@aol.com

10% off any order placed
between March 7-16, 2008.
Maximum \$40 off.

Spring Wine & Spirits
162 A Lake Street
630-894-9463
Springwineandspirits@
yahoo.com

20% off with any \$100
purchase (wine only)

Stratford Square Mall
152 Stratford Square
630-351-9400
www.stratfordmall.com

Show your B-Card at the
Customer Service Center located
just off Center Court between
JC Penney and Burlington Coat
Factory and receive a Bonus Book
filled with valuable offers from
more than 50 of our specialty
retailers. (Limit of one book per
B-card, while supplies last.)

**Toll Brothers - America's
Luxury Home Builder**
Bloomingdale Walk Townhomes
158 Paxton
630-980-8100

Register your tour of our models
between March 7 and March
16 and receive \$40,000 in
FREE OPTIONS when you
deposit on a new townhome by
March 31, 2008

**Tony & Mikey's Italian
Deli & Café**
231 E. Army Trail Road
630-295-9130

10% off purchases of
\$5 or more

Turano Bakery presents
Casa dei Dolci
House of Sweets
142 N. Bloomingdale Road
630-529-6161
www.turanobakery.com

Any retail product - buy
one item, get the second
same item free.

Walk-In Closet
107 S. Third Street
924-8044
www.walk-in-closet.com

\$5 off a \$25 purchase

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EVENTS

District 13 Schedules 2008 Kindergarten Registration

Children who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2008, are eligible for kindergarten during the 2008-09 school year. Parents wishing to register their child for Kindergarten in District 13 schools should contact the elementary school they plan to attend.

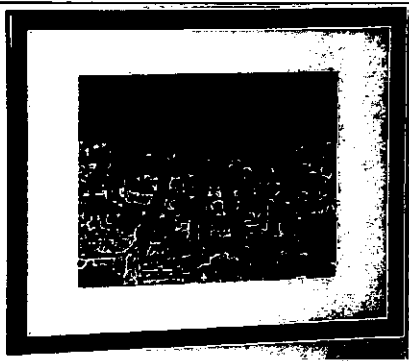
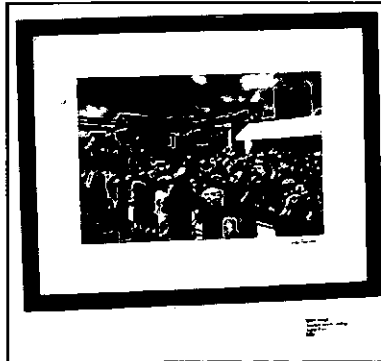
Dujardin School, 166 S. Euclid, covers the east side of the district; students on the west side of the district attend Erickson School, 277 Springfield Drive. If you do not know which school you should attend, please contact the district office at 893-9590. Kindergarten registration packets can be picked up at either school office beginning Monday, February 4th. Completed packets can then be dropped off at your child's school during registration on the following dates and times.

- Feb. 19, Tues. 8:00 - 4:00 pm
- Feb. 20, Weds. 8:00 - 6:00 pm
- Feb. 21, Thurs. 8:00 - 4:00 pm
- Feb. 22, Fri. 8:00 - 4:00 pm

Parents will need to bring the child's original birth certificate. In addition, parents who do not already have a child attending District 13 schools also need to bring one of the following documents for proof of residency: a real estate tax bill, mortgage papers, signed lease, or agreement of sale, along with one other form of identification which includes a driver's license, auto registration, voter registration, public aid card, gas or electric bill. For more information, call Dujardin at 894-9200 or Erickson at 529-2223.

'Oh Shoot!'

Oh, Shoot! is the Bloomingdale Park District Museum's annual photography show which provides an opportunity for photographers to compete for cash prizes in this juried exhibition. Black and white, color, and digital images have been judged. Call 630-529-3650 for further information. The exhibit runs now through February 23. The museum is open Wed 4-8 p.m.; Thurs & Fri 10 - 4 p.m.; Sat noon - 4 p.m. Admission is \$1 residents, \$2 non-residents, \$.50 for Seniors 60+ and children under 12.



Happy Anniversary!

Congratulations to the following Village employees who celebrated special service anniversaries in 2007.

30 years
Tom Schrieber

25 years
Scott Stick
Randy Sater
Jack Libman
Robin Anderson

20 years
Colin Trusk
Mark Garrison
Jim Johnson
Steve Abruzzo
Paul Dublin

15 years
Jim Monkemeyer
John Krueger

10 years
Bill Knowski

5 years
David Spradling
Karen Swanson

Parkway Damaged By Snow Plows?

The Public Works Division understands that there could be some damage to parkways due to snowplowing operations. It is Village policy to repair parkways in April, May, and early June, weather permitting, as this is the best time for the germination of grass seed.

Please call the Public Works Division at 630-671-5800 to inform us about damage to your parkway so we can put your location on the list.



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

For any and all work by a resident or resident's contractor on a parkway tree, a permit is required by Ordinance No. 95-61, An Ordinance Regulating the Planting, Maintenance and Removal of Trees on Public Areas.

Please Note: Installing planter walls around parkway trees is work which requires a permit. The Village discourages the installation of planter walls around parkway trees because the parkway is Village property and the typical installation of a small diameter ring filled with soil is injurious to the tree. For those residents who have installed planter walls without permits, approval can be obtained by contacting James M. Johnson, Urban Forester, at 630-671-5804. The Village will be notifying residents of a violation when unacceptable planters are encountered.

The Village has a comprehensive, systematic pruning schedule which ensures each tree is trimmed every five years. Contract tree pruning occurs during February through April. In-house trimming can occur any time during the year. If a resident believes a parkway tree requires pruning, please contact the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800.



Contract Tree Pruning To Begin in February

Ciosek Tree Service of Lombard, Illinois will begin parkway tree pruning for the Village in February. All trees with a diameter at breast height of eight or more inches will be pruned to improve tree health and structure in a careful and systematic manner. Areas included in this year's cycle are

- Bayview Crossing
- Chateau Lorraine
- Campanelli Subdivision
- Brookdale Estates
- Stratford Lakes

Tree Talk Tree Talk Tree Talk VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING

The Village Forestry Division is looking for volunteers to plant 200 seedlings, including Red Buckeye, Columnar English Oak, Bald Cypress and Red Maple, on Saturday, April 26th, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Public Works Facility, 305 S. Glen Ellyn Road. This is the 14th consecutive year for this popular event.

The Village will supply seedlings, soil and pots for the purpose of growing the seedlings into saplings for transplanting into the local community. Community Tree Planting involves a commitment from all participants to plant trees on public property, such as right-of-ways, school grounds, community parks, etc.

Participants are asked to bring gloves and enthusiasm. After this growing season, the trees will be planted in the Village's nursery for further growth.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Helen Price at 630-671-5800.





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February/March, 2008

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ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP

Bloomington Public Library and Literacy Volunteers of DuPage are partnering to sponsor an English Conversation Group. The group is designed to give adult English-as-a-second-language learners practice speaking English in a relaxed, comfortable atmosphere. The group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month from 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the Library Conference Room. Individuals are welcome to attend whenever they can. All adult English learners are welcome. Registration is not necessary for this free program. The first meeting is on Wednesday, February 13. For more information, call Julie Keating at (630) 924-2733.

ADOPT-A-MAGAZINE

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

Evelyn Deeke
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Many thanks for helping us maintain our periodicals collection!

FEDERAL AND STATE TAX FORMS AVAILABLE

The Library has federal and Illinois income tax forms available to the public. The most common forms are free. The less popular forms may be photocopied from a master for 10 cents per copy, or downloaded from the IRS website.

If you would like to download forms from your home computer, you will find the federal forms at:

www.irs.gov

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www.revenue.state.il.us/taxforms



SPOT LIGHT ON . . .

LIBRARY ORIENTATIONS

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**Saturday, February 2 at 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, March 8 at 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.

**STORYTIMES** *Programs for children ages three months through five years.***REGISTRATION INFORMATION/REQUIREMENTS FOR SPRING STORYTIME PROGRAMS**

Romper Rhymes, Budding Readers, Time for 2's, Preschool Storytimes, 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 calling (630) 924-2740. Please have your library card available when you register.

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

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

Spring Programming begins the week of March 3 and ends the week of April 14.

Please note that no programs will be held the week of March 24.

ROMPER RHYMES (3 months - 15 months)

Tuesdays, March 4 - April 15

No program on March 25

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, March 4 - April 15

No program on March 25

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, March 3 - April 14

No program on March 24

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, March 5 - April 16

No program on March 26

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

Registration is required.

Wednesday afternoon Preschool Storytime includes a variety of book sharing, flannelboard stories, 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, March 3 - April 14

No program on March 24

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, March 7 - April 18

No program on March 28

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

Registration is not required.

Family Storytime is designed to serve families with babies, toddlers and preschoolers who want to attend morning storytime together. Children will enjoy a variety of book sharing, flannel board stories, musical activities and/or puppets during these sessions.

BEDTIME STORIES

(All ages)

Tuesdays, March 4 - April 15

No program on March 25

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, March 6 - April 17

No program on March 27

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.

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

(Families)

Sunday, February 17

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

Registration is required. Please register at the Youth Services Desk or by calling (630) 924-2740. Registration is open to all families interested in attending.

Join us for the Bloomington Library's third annual Chinese New Year Celebration. We will ring in the Year of the Rat with food, music, and a special performance by the Melikin Puppet Theatre. They will be performing their Dragon Feathers program which includes a 35 foot long dragon!

**BORN TO READ**

In order to promote the importance of reading to babies, the library is offering Born to Read packets to new parents in Bloomington. The new baby and its family will receive a congratulatory packet that will include a new board book. If you would like to receive this packet, please visit the Library's Youth Services Desk or call (630) 924-2740.

VOLUNTEERS (Grades 7-12)

Are you a student in grades 7-12? Are you looking for a fun way to get job experience, earn service hours, or make a difference in the community? If so, the Bloomington Public Library VolunTEENS program is looking for you! You'll work 2-4 hours per month with the Bloomington Library's Youth Service staff preparing crafts, keeping the library tidy and helping with special projects. If you are interested in being a VolunTEEN during the spring semester, please contact Tiffany Torbeck, VolunTEEN Coordinator, at (630) 924-2745 or email ttorbeck@mybpl.org, to schedule a time for a short interview. There are a limited number of positions available, so stop by or call today!

POLISH STORYTIME
(Families)

Thursday, April 3
6:30p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Registration is not required

Dla Dzieci w wieku 2-10 lat i ich rodziny.
Bedzie czytanie ksiazek, wierszyki i
piosenki.

For children ages 2-10 and their families.
We will be reading books, poems, and
singing songs.

YOUNG ADULT SPOT *Programs open to Teens 7th - 12th grades only.***TEEN GAME NIGHT**

Thursday, February 14
Thursday, March 13
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!

TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (TAG)

Are you a teen with great ideas for the library, but don't know where to start? Wish the library had gaming tournaments or would purchase a popular new series? Then check out the library's Teen Advisory Group! If you're in 7th - 12th grade, you can earn volunteer hours through projects such as suggesting purchases, planning teen programs, or anchoring the library's vlog. 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. Snacks will be provided.

ANIME CLUB

Wednesday, February 27
Wednesday, March 26
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Watch anime on the library's big screen! Help plan new anime and manga events, suggest new anime to watch, and eat some great snacks. Registration not necessary!

SHRINKY DINK CHARMS

Thursday, February 7
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Create custom shrinky dink charms for necklaces or cell phone straps! Draw your own designs, bake your creations, and watch them shrink in the oven. Limited to 10 teens. Please register in person at the Reference Desk or by phone at (630) 924-2730.

MARBLE MAGNETS

Friday, March 21
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Back by popular demand! Create easy marble magnets using pictures from your favorite TV shows, movies, or anime. Limited to 20 teens. Please register in person at the Reference Desk or by phone at (630) 924-2730.

**DUELER'S GUILD**

Saturday, February 16, 2008
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 15, 2008
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.

OPEN GAME NIGHT

Tuesday, February 5, 2008
6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 4, 2008
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 PROGRAMS

**EDWARD HOPPER AND
THE AMERICAN SCENE**
Monday, February 18
6:30 p.m.

Come to the library to learn about the art of Edward Hopper, American painter and the focus of an exhibit at the Art Institute of Chicago beginning in February. In this slide show presentation, Dr. Michelle Paluch-Mishur will identify the distinguishing elements of Hopper's style as seen in his views of urban life, interior scenes, and New England architecture.

CHOCOLATE 101
Tuesday, February 19
7:00 p.m.

Pastry chef and chocolatier Rose Deneen will demonstrate all things chocolate, from molded candies to truffles and chocolate-dipped strawberries. Samples and recipes will be provided.

COPING WITH LOW VISION
Tuesday, February 26
6:30 p.m.

Low vision rehabilitation is a process that can help individuals use their remaining vision more effectively. Dr. Jenna Lee will discuss how the use of properly fitted low vision aids and low vision rehabilitation can enhance the quality of life for those who have difficulty reading. Dr. Lee will demonstrate how to use the CCTV (closed circuit video magnification) at the Bloomington Public Library to maximize remaining vision.

THE UNIVERSE IN PICTURES
Monday, March 3
6:30 p.m.

In this presentation, we'll explore the wonders of our galactic neighborhood - images of galaxies, nebulas, and stars made possible by the Hubble, Spitzer, and Chandra Space Telescopes. Within our galaxy, we'll look at the remnants of stellar death as well as nurseries where new stars are forming. We'll observe colliding galaxies and journey outward from our galaxy toward the center of the Virgo Cluster. We'll also take a look at images that scientists believe show evidence of Dark Matter.

DON'T PAY THE COLLEGE STICKER PRICE
Wednesday, March 5
6:30 p.m.

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

MEDITATION FOR RELAXATION
Tuesday, March 11
6:30 p.m.

Meditation has been practiced for centuries as a way to achieve balance, harmony, and well-being. Today it is also being utilized as a non-invasive, non-chemical way to improve physical, mental and spiritual health. Learn how to use meditation to relax and reduce stress in this workshop with Rivian Wolf, reiki master teacher and meditation facilitator.

**RETIREMENT PLANNING MISTAKES
MADE BY BABY BOOMERS**
Tuesday, March 25
7:00 p.m.

Discover the six mistakes Boomers often make in planning for their retirement. Topics include the financial consequences of increased longevity, the reality of long-term care needs, problems with over or under diversifying a portfolio, the downside of focusing on returns, overlooking the favorable tax treatment of retirement assets during the distribution phase, and estate planning techniques that are often neglected. A question and answer session will follow the presentation.

INSIDE WRITING AND PUBLISHING - DUPAGE BRANCH

This series of programs targets seasoned, as well as aspiring writers by offering a variety of topics from which to choose. This series is a co-operative effort between eight area libraries, with programs being held at DuPage county libraries. For a complete listing of programs, please pick up a brochure at the library or visit our website at www.mybpl.org for details.

WRITING COMMERCIAL FICTION
Wednesday, February 13
7:00 p.m.

This program is part of the Inside Writing and Publishing series. Romance author Lindsay Longford will discuss the kinds of markets open to commercial writing and the realities of trying to make a living through writing. She will consider the differences between writing literary and commercial fiction, and recommend specific writing techniques. The discussion will be open-ended, participatory, and designed to meet the specific interests of attendees.



FREE PRACTICE TESTS AT WWW.MYBPL.ORG

Many high school students are thinking about the upcoming ACT and SAT tests for college admission. You can take practice tests online through the Learning Express Library on the Library's website. To access the practice tests, go to the Research link on our website and choose Test Preparation. There are practice tests for the older and younger student as well. Choose from Elementary School Skills Improvement, Middle Schools Skills Improvement, AP Tests, TOEFL, GMAT, ASVAB, U.S. Citizenship Tests, Postal Exam, and much more. There are even some reading and vocabulary tests with instructions in Spanish. You won't have to worry that the title you need might be checked out; these titles are always available.

There is also a selection of e-books available through the Learning Express Library that can be read online from your home computer. There are titles available on workplace skills, resume writing and interviewing skills, reading, writing and math skills, military and health career guides, and much more. The next time you need to take a test, visit us on the web at www.mybpl.org to brush up on your skills.



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS



Did you make a New Year's resolution to read more books? Join one of the Adult Book Discussion Groups at the Library to expand your reading horizons and participate in spirited, thought-provoking discussions with other book lovers.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

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

Wednesday, March 19 at 10:00 a.m.
or Thursday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m.
The Bookseller of Kabul by Asne Seierstad

HISTORICAL BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The historical group meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, February 5 at 10:00 a.m.
Death in the Haymarket: A Story of Chicago, the First Labor Movement, and the Bombing that Divided Gilded Age America by James R. Green

Tuesday, March 4 at 10:00 a.m.
Isaac's Storm: A Man, a Time, and the Deadliest Hurricane in History by Eric Larson

Books are available for checkout at the Circulation Desk one month before the discussion. Newcomers are always welcome. Bring a friend!



CONNECTING BOYS WITH BOOKS

Thursday, March 13, 2008
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

The Bloomington Public Library will have a special evening presentation for parents and educators on Thursday, March 13, at 7:00 p.m. Michael Sullivan, author of *Connecting Boys with Books*, will discuss why boys are in trouble with their reading skills and what can be done about it. Find out how we lose boys and why, what the consequences are for boys, and what parents, educators, and librarians can do to save boys from lives as non-readers. Mr. Sullivan will share practical, proven, and sometimes off-beat suggestions on how to turn boys into life-long readers. He brings more than fifteen years experience as a Children's Librarian and Library Director, storyteller, chess teacher, and author.

Everyone is welcome for this free program, but registration is required as seating is limited. Please call the Bloomington Youth Services Department at (630) 924-2740 for additional information and registration.

NEW MYSTERY 'BOOK TALK' GROUP AT BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Join fellow mystery fans for an illuminating discussion of mysteries at the inaugural meeting of the *Bloomington Mystery Mavens* on Thursday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m. Interested readers should arrive prepared to discuss the merits, or lack thereof, of the latest mysteries they've read. Whether you have a favorite author to recommend, or a book that's a bullet best dodged, drop in and give us a clue.

We will meet bi-monthly (March, May, July, etc.) on the 4th Thursday of the month. Call the Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730 to let us know that you are coming.

THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS

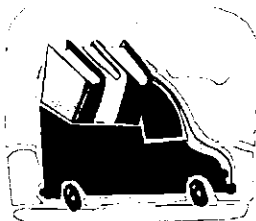
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Do you, or someone you know, qualify for our Homebound Services? You are entitled to receive free delivery of library materials to your home if you are a Bloomington resident with a valid library card AND at least one of the following applies.

- If you are a senior without a car
- If you are physically handicapped
- If you are recovering from surgery
- If you are limited by illness

Please contact Merrill Trusty or Gloria Elder at (630) 924-2730 for further details.



COMPUTER PROGRAMS

Registration will begin Monday, February 4, 2008. A \$10.00 refundable deposit is required upon registration (cash or checks only). We regret we are unable to register patrons over the telephone. A 24-hour cancellation notice is required in order to receive a refund of the \$10.00 deposit. Please call the Business Office at (630) 924-2720 if you have any additional questions about registering for computer classes.



BEGINNER'S COMPUTER COURSE

*Please note: this class requires a
\$60.00 refundable deposit.*

Tuesday, February 26
Friday, February 29
Tuesday, March 4
Friday, March 7
Tuesday, March 11
Friday, March 14

The above sessions will be held from
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

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

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

INTRODUCTION TO WORD

Monday, February 11

2:00 - 4:00p.m.

Instructor: Chris

This class will be aimed at those with little or no experience using Microsoft Word. Topics such as creating and saving files, formatting, and editing documents will be covered. There will be time available for questions and specific problems related to Microsoft Word. Having taken Understanding Windows 1 or equivalent experience is recommended.

USING PUBLISHER

Tuesday, February 12

2:00 - 4:00p.m.

Instructor: Sean

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

UNDERSTANDING YOUR COMPUTER 1

Wednesday, February 20

6:30 - 8:30p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This class is the first of three sequential courses in which we will cover more advanced topics than those discussed in Understanding Windows or Introduction to the PC. This class will continue over three sessions and will allow more time for explanations. Topics to be covered include: Windows functions such as using/installing software, finding and organizing files, and more. We will also discuss basic hardware ideas and how to use disks, CDs, and the hard drive

UNDERSTANDING YOUR COMPUTER 2

Wednesday, February 27

6:30 - 8:30p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Class will cover more advanced Windows topics such as changing settings, manipulating and customizing toolbars, properties screens and startup/recovery disks. Having taken Understanding Your Computer 1 or equivalent experience is strongly recommended.

EXCEL PIVOTTABLES

Wednesday, March 12

6:30 - 8:30p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Learn the basics of creating dynamic lists using Excel PivotTables. Modifying reports, formatting tables, and keeping data tables up to date will be discussed. Students will work with several examples to develop a comfort level with the tools Excel provides. Having taken Introduction to Excel or equivalent experience is recommended.

BASIC HOME NETWORKING

Tuesday, March 18

6:30 - 8:30p.m.

Instructor: Chris

A beginner's class intended for those interested in connecting more than one computer in their home. Helpful for anyone who's confused about the difference between DSL and Cable, wondering what all those confusing acronyms mean (PPPoE, DNS, TCP/IP), or just wants both their computers to be able to use one printer. Learn what these things mean, and how they impact a home network.

BASIC WIRELESS NETWORKING

Tuesday, March 25

6:30 - 8:30p.m.

Instructor: Chris

Learn about how a wireless network works and how best to set up a wireless network in your home. Common problems and security issues will also be covered. Having taken Basic Home Networking or equivalent experience is recommended.

MACINTOSH MULTIMEDIA STATION

The library's new Macintosh computer offers patrons top quality equipment and software for movie, music, and photo editing. The Macintosh is available to any patron with a Bloomington Library card or an Internet Use card and is reserved in 2 hour time slots. Stop by the Reference Desk or Computer Services with any questions about this exciting new service.



Please join us for...

Breakfast/Brunch with the Bunny!

Saturday, March 15, 2008

Breakfast

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Breakfast will be served from
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Activities will be offered from
9:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Brunch

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

Brunch will be served from
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Activities will be offered from
11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Location of event:

Bloomington Golf Club
181 Glen Ellyn Road
in Bloomington

Ticket Sales:

Tickets will be available beginning Saturday, February 9, 2008
at 9:00 a.m. in the Business Office of the Library, located at:
101 Fairfield Way
in Bloomington

Menu at both seatings:

Assorted boxed cereals, scrambled eggs, sliced ham, sausage links,
fried potatoes, French toast sticks, and beverages.

Cost:

\$13.00 per adult
\$10.00 children ages 4-12
Free for children under 4,
however a ticket is required!

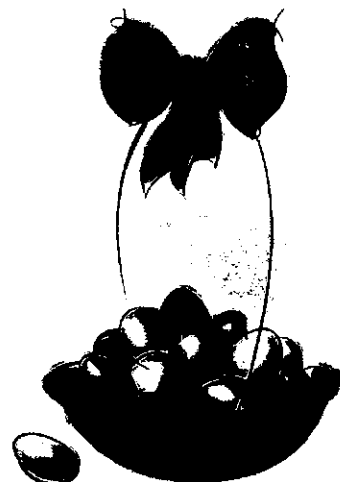
Tickets will be available until March 12, 2008
or until sold out, whichever comes first.

Please make checks payable to:
Bloomington Public Library.

Cash or checks only.

Sorry, we cannot accept debit/credit cards.

Please visit the Library for a ticket order form.





**Bloomington
Park District**

Where recreation revolves around you!

FE08/MAR08

SAVE THE DATE!

Mount Rushmore and the Black Hills of South Dakota

Come join us for our Nation's grandest memorials - Mount Rushmore and The Crazy Horse Memorial. During this seven day six night trip, we will visit Mount Rushmore National Memorial, tour the Wildlife Loop Road at Custer State Park, explore the unique Journey Museum, gaming at Deadwood Casino, visit the amazing Crazy Horse Memorial and the spectacular Badlands National Park. A motor coach will be picking us up and dropping us off at the JRC parking lot. Please contact the Bloomington Park District for more information.

Registration begins April 1st, 2008.

Date: October 12-18 2008

Depart at 8:00am on Sunday, October 12 from the JRC

Depart at 8:00am on Friday, October 17 from South Dakota

Fee includes: Transportation, 6 nights of lodging, 10 meals, and the tours

Min: 30 / Max: 55

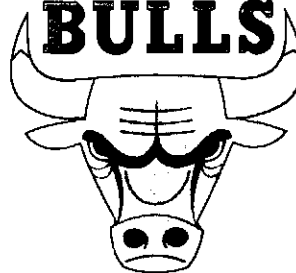
Fee: \$650.00 (per person double occupancy)



Fall 2008 Extended Trip

CHICAGO BULLS TRIP

CHICAGO BULLS



Your family will thank you for this chance to see our champion Chicago Bulls take on the San Antonio Spurs at the United Center.

Register now, as there are only a limited number of tickets available. Transportation and tickets are included in the price. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Registration Deadline is March 10, 2008.

Date: Thursday, March 20th, 2008

Time: 4:30-11:30pm

Location: JRC Parking Lot

Min: 10 / Max: 20

Code No.: 202207-A1

Fee: \$43 for residents and \$48 for non-residents



Chicago Land Flower & Garden Show

Come join us on our trip to the annual Flower and Garden show in Rosemont. This year, they will be featuring more gardens, exhibitors, seminars, workshops, and events than years past. From those who take great care of their garden to those who enjoy learning about things they see in their neighbors' yards, there is something for everyone. Lunch is not included in this trip.

Registration deadline is February 22, 2008.



Date: Wednesday, March 12th, 2008

Time: 11:45am-4:00pm

Location: JRC Parking Lot

Min: 20 / Max: 40

Code No.: 203238-A1

Fee: \$24 for residents and \$29 for non-residents

ADULT PROGRAMS

Hatha Yoga

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

Location: Aerobics Studio
Instructor: Evelyn Walsh-Boyna

MIN/MAX: 8/16

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	M	09:30-10:45A	03/10-04/14*	\$42/52	203503-B1
Adult	M	07:15-08:30P	03/10-04/14*	\$42/52	203503-B2
Adult	W	09:30-10:45A	03/12-04/16*	\$42/52	203503-B5
Adult	W	07:15-08:30P	03/12-04/16*	\$42/52	203503-B6
Adult	F	09:30-10:45A	03/14-04/18*	\$42/52	203503-B8

*NO CLASS 03/24, 03/26, 03/28

Gentle Yoga for Seniors

Enjoy a one-hour class of stretching, strengthening, and relaxing. We will use chairs and blankets for support in many poses. It will improve your posture, increase your mobility, and make you feel great! Yoga mats are provided. DROP IN RATE IS \$8.00 PER CLASS.

Location: Aerobics Studio
Instructor: Beth McCown

MIN/MAX: 6/16

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	M	01:00-02:00P	03/10-04/14*	\$35/45	203507-A2
Adult	Th	09:00-10:00A	03/13-04/17*	\$35/45	203507-B2

*NO CLASS 03/24, 03/27

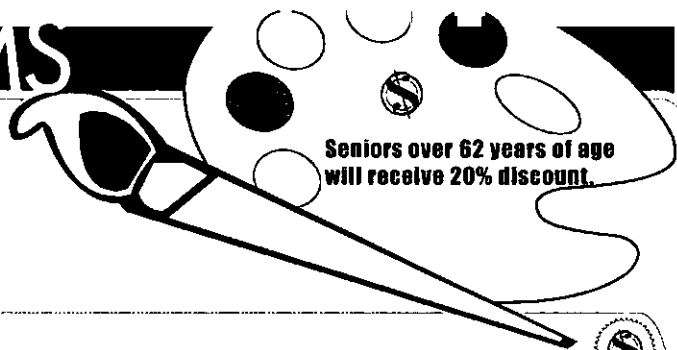
Meditation Made Easy

In this class we will explore and practice simple meditation techniques to bring peace and calmness into anyone's stress filled everyday life. By making it simple and keeping it fun you'll see how even spending just five minutes a day can change your life. You'll look forward to meditating every day with these easy to use techniques, especially once you see what a difference they make. Please dress comfortably. Class meets three consecutive Tuesday evenings at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum.

Location: Museum
Instructor: Evelyn Walsh-Boyna

MIN/MAX: 6/18

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	Tu	07:15-08:15P	02/26-03/11	\$30/40	203512-A1



Introduction to Watercolor

This class will introduce students to the basic fundamentals of using watercolors. Each participant will learn how to use the color wheel and how to paint a variety of pictures provided by the instructor. No experience is needed. A supply list is available at the JRC front desk or online at bloomingdaleparks.org.

Location: Museum
Instructor: Jack Sartain

MIN/MAX: 5/15

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	Th	07:00-09:00P	03/06-04/24	\$89/119	203442-A1

Bowling for Seniors

Want to become a better bowler? Well here is your chance! We have teamed up with Brunswick Zone Bowling Alley located in Roselle. Each participant will learn proper bowling etiquette, learn how to keep score, and much more by a certified coach. At the beginning of class, the instructor will go over some basic instructions and then participants will be able to play two games. Shoes are included in the fee. Transportation is not provided. This class will meet at Brunswick Zone.

Location: Brunswick Zone
Instructor: Staff

MIN/MAX: 5/30

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	Tu	12:00-01:00P	03/04-04/08	\$60/80	203675-A1

Kickboxing

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

Location: Westfield Gym
Instructor: Top Fitness Staff MIN/MAX: 5/20

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	M	07:00-08:00P	03/10-04/28	\$80/110	203501-A2
Adult	W	07:00-08:00P	03/12-04/30	\$80/110	203501-A4



SPECIAL REGISTRATIONS

- Beginning March 1 renew your 2007 pass online, or purchase a 2008 pass online.
- 2007 pass pictures don't need to be re-taken.
- New 2008 passes will require a pass picture to be taken at the JRC prior to entering The Oasis.

Early Bird Rate

March 1-April 30

	R/NR
Individual	\$77/127
Family 2 or 3	\$115/165
Family of 4	\$120/170
Family of 5	\$125/175
Family of 6	\$130/180
Family of 7 or more	\$135/185

Regular Rate

May 1 - summer

	R/NR
Individual	\$102/152
Family 2 or 3	\$140/190
Family of 4	\$145/195
Family of 5	\$150/200
Family of 6	\$155/205
Family of 7 or more	\$160/210

SEASON PASS RATES

2008-2009 Preschool Year



Registration dates for the 2008-2009 school year are listed below. A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit, the first month's payment, a \$20.00 graduation fee for Pre-K, and a copy of your child's birth certificate are required at the time of registration.

Payments are due the first of each month. Late payments will be assessed a \$5.00 fee for each business day past due after the 1st of the month. ALL PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION MUST BE MADE IN PERSON AT THE BLOOMINGDALE PARK DISTRICT, 172 S. CIRCLE AVENUE, BLOOMINGDALE.

Registration forms are available online at www.bloomingtonparks.org.

Registration

Residents:

February 5-March 1, 2008

Priority for Returning Non-Res:

March 10, 2008

Open Registration:

March 24, 2008

S U M M E R D A Y C A M P !

What a great way to enjoy summer! We offer a variety of camps for children 4 years old through ninth grade. Each camp is designed with fun activities to suit the age of your child. The main focus of our camps is to provide a caring, fun and safe environment. Activities include group games, arts and crafts, cooking, sports, swimming and trips.

Registration Information

Registration for residents will be accepted starting February 1, 2008 and for non-residents starting March 31, 2008. Payment for your first session and registration forms are due at time of registration. Registration for subsequent sessions will be accepted and do not require a deposit. The \$25.00/session non-resident fee is also due at the time of registration. Registration forms are available at the JRC front desk or at www.bloomingtonparks.org.

SPRING SOCCER SEASON

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!

The Bloomington Soccer Organization (BSO) is a volunteer organization of the Bloomington Park District. Open to children from age 4 through 8th grade, this program strives to develop basic skills in each individual, while providing the opportunity for all players to participate equally in a team sport atmosphere.

REGISTRATION DATES AND TIMES

Regular Registration: R/NR Fee: \$60/80

Date	Day	Time	Location
February 9	SA	9:00-12:00pm	JRC



SPECIAL EVENTS

Doggie Easter Egg Hunt

Does your Pooch enjoy Easter? Then bring them to hunt for his/her own Easter eggs. The dogs must be friendly to others in order to play. Each pooch must have a 15 year old or older handler, must have current shots, and stay leashed at all times. Sign up before the deadline and get the early bird price. After the deadline fees will be \$10 for Residents and \$15 for non-residents. Registration deadline March 3.



SATURDAY, MARCH 15
LOCATION: CIRCLE PARK

TIME: 10:00AM - 11:00AM CODE#: 204305-A1

TIME: 11:15AM - 12:15PM CODE#: 204305-A2

COST: RESIDENTS \$7; NON-RESIDENTS \$12

MIN/MAX: 15/100

Friday Night Movies

The Bloomingdale 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: movie, popcorn and a drink.

Friday, February 15:
Shrek the 3rd - PG

Friday, March 28:
High School Musical - NR

\$2 per person
at JRC - 7pm

Daddy Daughter Dance

Looking for a perfect evening for dad and daughter to spend together? Join us at our annual Daddy Daughter Dance. Couples will have a memorable evening together dancing to the music of our D.J., enjoying refreshments and having their picture taken. Come dressed in your best for the night of your life. Additional children are \$13.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

TIME: 6:30PM - 8:30 PM LOCATION: JRC GYM

COST: RESIDENTS \$25; NON-RESIDENTS \$30

CODE#: 204301-A1

MIN/MAX: 30/130

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Dodgeball Tournament

Register your team today for the Bloomingdale Dodgeball Classic! Team check-in starts at 9:00am and the captains meeting will start at 9:45. Teams must consist of 6-10 players each. Each player will receive a t-shirt. Captains must designate shirt sizes for all team members upon registration. There will be awards given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.

Registration Deadlines:

204304-A1: Saturday, April 12th

204304-B1: Saturday, April 26th

WESTFIELD GYM
9:00AM - 4:00PM

GRADE: 9-12

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

CODE#: 204304-A1

COST: RESIDENTS \$100; NON-RESIDENTS \$105

GRADE: 6-8

SATURDAY, MAY 3

CODE#: 204304-B1

March 15-April 26, 2008

Opening Reception: Sunday, March 16th 2-4pm

25th Annual Student Art Show

The silver anniversary celebration of the student art show will highlight the creative endeavors of children from kindergarten through high school. Over 200 works will be displayed in a variety of media from drawing to painting to sculpture. You will surely be inspired by the colorful and imaginative work of the artists from our local schools.





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'Cops and Kids for Christmas' Brings Miles of Smiles This Holiday Season

Once again the Bloomingdale Police Fraternal Order of Police sponsored "Cops and Kids for Christmas." Fifteen members of the FOP took 17 local needy children Christmas shopping for their family members, as well as for themselves at Meijer's. Local financial support for this event continues. In addition

to a cash donation from Meijer's, Salerno Rosedale Chapels donated a coat, hat and gloves for each child, and the Chicagoland Italian-American Charitable Organization donated bicycles. Other donors included the Bloomingdale Parks Foundation, Trustee John Dabrowski, Police Chief Tim Goergen, and of course, our own FOP.

