

Village of Bloomingdale

Almanac

APRIL 2008

Attention
Seniors --
Come to the
Senior Fair
on May 9!

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From the Desk of Mayor Bob Iden

Now that April is upon us, we hope spring is also. This has been a winter that made everyone yearn for spring. Before the winter becomes a distant memory I want to take this opportunity to recognize the Village's snow and ice control team. They had numerous long shifts trying to keep up with the many winter weather events we experienced this season. Whether they were driving the plows clearing the roadways or out in the wind and snow clearing the walks surrounding Village Facilities, their efforts made this winter a little easier for us.

In addition, the utility division employees (many of whom also plow) were very busy keeping up with the winter water emergencies, such as main breaks and excess water flows during periods of thaw. I also acknowledge the remaining staff members in those divisions who were keeping the regular day to day functions going while the others were out either fighting the elements or trying to get some much needed rest.

So hats off to Street Supervisor Ed Lewen and the men and women of Bloomingdale's snow & ice control crew and the rest of the team: Robin Anderson, Juan Arce, John Beckman, Ryan Benhart, Rob Blum, Calvin Boyd, Al Bruno, Shirley Burger, Joe Chambers, Ed Cieslak, Anthony Coronato, Andy DiBasilio, Denise Doherty, Kurt Domianus, Paul Dublin.

Also Vern Fasse, Tim Grant, Tim Heffron, Jim Horvath, Jim Hunt, Bob Jensen, Jim Johnson, Tom King, Pat Maranto, Howard Marshall, Mark Mason, Rich Meyer, Mark Michaels, Chris Mitchell, Lauren Moore, Kevin O'Dea, Helen Price, Grant Sharp, Juana Stoiser, John Thorpe, Elias Vega, Joe Witczak and Mike Young. Thanks to each of you!

I also want to point out that last month the Village of Bloomingdale observed the 175th anniversary of its founding. We have come a long way since the Meacham brothers crossed the newly blazed trail, known as Army Trail to settle in the area we now know as Bloomingdale, Roselle and Medinah. The Meachams and those who came after them, were looking for a future in a place where their families could flourish.

Slowly, but surely those early pioneers grew the town of Meacham's Grove around them. These early residents created roads, formed churches, established schools, began businesses and farmed the land. Bloomingdale came into its own in the mid-1970s with an explosion of population, business and prosperity, but we owe a debt of gratitude to those first settlers for their fortitude in weathering hardships in order to establish the Village of Bloomingdale.

Sincerely,

Mayor Bob Iden



Back in the early 1900s when there was a heavy snow the townspeople would come together to clear the snow enough to allow for the horses and wagons to get through. This is Second Street (now known as Bloomingdale Road.).

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**
1st Thursday of the month
5:00 p.m. - Firehouse,
179 S. Bloomingdale Road

VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Robert G. Iden
Village President

Susan L. Bartucci
Village Clerk

TRUSTEES

James M. Gebis
*Planning, Zoning
& Environmental Concerns*

Robert Czernek
Traffic and Street Infrastructure

John Dabrowski
Police and Community Relations

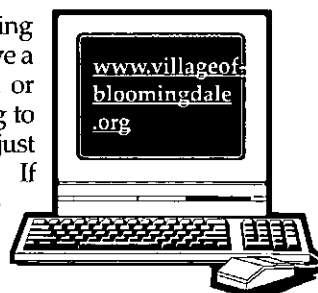
Judi Von Huben
*Intergovernmental Relations and
Emergency Planning*

Bill Bolen
*Finance, Personnel and
Administration*

Jim King
Facilities and Golf Course

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

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



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

Our website address is:
www.villageofbloomingdale.org

**The deadline for
the June issue
of the
Almanac is
MAY 10**

Bloomingtondale Police Officer Honored



The Bloomingdale Police Department has established an in-house "Bloomingdale Officer of the Year Award" to recognize the hard work and dedication of a particular officer (or officers). The first recipient of the award as selected by the Police Department supervisors is Anthony Svoboda. Officer Svoboda has been with the department for six years. He is pictured here with Deputy Chief Frank Giammarese (left) and Police Chief Tim Goergen.



Senior Day Fair on May 9 To Feature Health Screenings, Community Organizations

The Bloomingdale Police Department and the Senior Citizen Advisory Council cordially invite senior citizens to the Senior Day Fair on Friday, May 9th, 2008, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. (noon) at the Medinah Shriners Banquet Facility, on Swift road, just north of Army Trail Road. The Senior Day Fair was created by the Council to give seniors the opportunity to visit with local agencies, service providers and businesses in a comfortable and friendly atmosphere to help identify the resources that are available to them. Refreshments will be

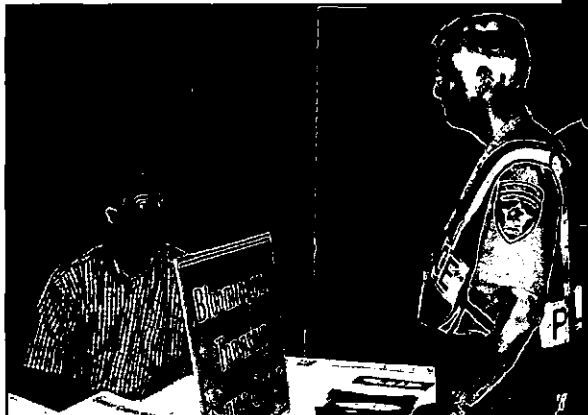
available and there is no fee to enter.

The Bloomingdale Senior Citizen Advisory Council is an organization established by the Bloomingdale Police Department to address the needs and concerns of the senior population. The Council consists of various senior citizen representatives from local organizations, homeowners associations, church groups and activity clubs. The members of the Senior Citizen Advisory Council are diligently working on the event to provide a wide variety of services, in which participants can gather information and meet with representatives to ask questions and address the issues of seniors. Giveaway bags and other items will be distributed upon arrival and throughout your visit. Door prizes will be given out each half hour during the event.

The following are some of the agencies and services involved with the Senior Day Fair:

- Local hospitals: Alexian Brothers Medical Center, Central DuPage Hospital, Glen Oaks Hospital (providing health services, such as blood pressure checks)
- Local dentists, chiropractors, eye doctors, foot doctors, pharmacists
- Discuss options with Home Health Agencies, Adult Support Services and Extended Care Centers
- Meet with representatives and consider joining Community Groups/Activity Clubs
- Governmental Units: Village, Police, Fire, Park District, Library
- Wholesale stores and Fitness facilities
- Collection of Used/Unwanted Eye Glasses – donations collected by Bloomingdale Lions Club
- Bloomingdale Lions Club – Hearing Check (Hearing Screening Service)
- Illinois Secretary of State – Renewal of Driver's License (those under the age of 75),
- Obtain Identification Cards, and Rules of the Road information will be available.

Visit the Fair and obtain the available materials to benefit you, your friends and family. Any questions regarding the event, please contact Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868.



Free Transit For Seniors 65 and Over On Some Fixed Pace Routes

Effective March 17, 2008 senior citizens aged 65 or over living in the RTA service region (Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will counties) are eligible for free transit on fixed routes (not Dial-a-Ride services) operated by the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), Metra and Pace. For more information about the program go to the RTA website at www.rtachicago.com

Seniors may sign-up for the program at:
Bloomingdale Township Senior Center
6N050 Rosedale Road
Bloomingdale, IL. 60108
(630) 529-7794

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Yardwaste Pickup Begins April 1st

Yard waste pick-
ups begin April
1st and contin-
ue through
November 30th.

Small twigs, leaves and other yard waste
may be placed in bags with stickers
(\$2.25 each) for Allied Waste pickup.
Questions should be directed to Allied
Waste at (847) 429-7370.



**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.**

Old Schoolhouse Open House



(l to r) Chamber President Steve Scholten, and Village Trustees John Dabrowski and Judi Von Huben happily watch Mayor Bob Iden cut the ribbon. *Photo courtesy of Dave Von Huben*

The original Bloomingdale Schoolhouse built in 1894 reopened its doors last month after an extensive renovation by the Village of Bloomingdale. An Open House was held February 21 to celebrate the renovation and the opening as the new home of the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Iden provided a brief history of the building and, along with Village Board members, cut the ribbon to signify the opening. Following the ribbon cutting Chamber Board members Lea Jackman and Liana Mirea unveiled the new Chamber logo.

See more photos on the back page.

Looking for a Summer Job? Check Out These Employment Opportunities with the Village!

The Village of Bloomingdale is seeking individuals to fill seasonal positions in the Public Works Maintenance and Utilities Divisions. These positions work approximately 40 hours per week. The work includes physical labor. Applicants must have a valid Illinois drivers license. Starting hourly rates are between \$8.00 to \$8.50 per hour.

Applications may be obtained at the Bloomingdale Village Hall,
201 S. Bloomingdale Road from 8:30a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For further information, please contact Human Resources
Director Kay Argo at (630) 671-5616.

The Village of Bloomingdale is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



Planting for the Future

The Village of Bloomingdale and School District 13 will celebrate Arbor Day by planting an Autumn Flame Maple tree (*Acer rubrum* 'Autumn Flame') at Erickson School, 277 Springfield Drive. The celebration will take place on Friday, April 25 at 10:30 a.m.

All residents are invited to join the Village of Bloomingdale, School District 13, and students and faculty of Erickson School in the Arbor Day Observance.

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.



CodeRED Emergency Notification System Now in Use; Be sure Your Telephone Number is Registered

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 water 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.

CodeRED is replacing the former Reverse 911 system. 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 as a back-up notification, you may register for CodeRED online at www.villageofbloomingdale.org.

Even if you registered your non-published or cell phone number with the Reverse 911 system, you need to re-register, as CodeRed is a new database.



Bloomington Garden Club Upcoming Events

The Bloomington Garden Club invites all to their next two upcoming programs. On Wednesday, April 16 the group features "Perfect Perennials for Perpetual Color (for really lazy gardeners!)" by Greg Bartoshuk. Bartoshuk is a Master Gardener, award winning daylily hybridizer and landscape designer. Enjoy a garden full of color almost all year without much work.

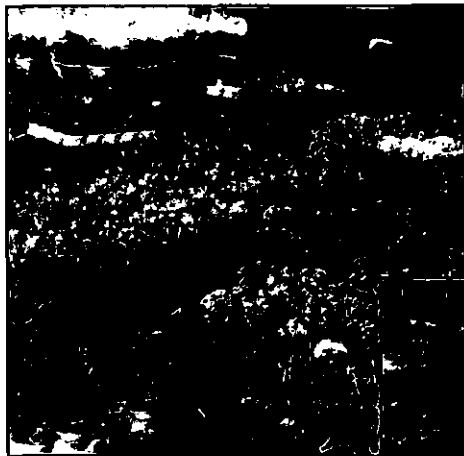
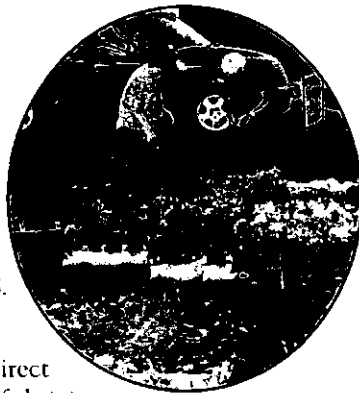
On Wednesday, May 21 the featured program will be "Creating Eco-Gardens on Residential Landscapes," presented by Dennis Paige. Paige is an Environmental Educator and Interpretative Naturalist at the Spring Valley Nature Center in Schaumburg.

Both meetings start at 6:30 on the lower level of the Bloomington Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way. There is no charge for attendance.

Annual Plant Sale

The always anticipated Garden Club plant sale takes place on Friday, May 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, May 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Bloomington Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomington Road.

The annual Plant Sale features, direct from our Michigan grower, flats of thriving, colorful flowers (48 plants per flat), premium hanging baskets, geraniums in all hues, Proven Winners, wave petunias, plus perennials from garden club members' gardens, and more at excellent prices. Our flats and baskets are an exceptionally good value at \$13. (May 18 - rain date)



Please Take a Moment to Complete the Bloomington Resident B-Card Survey

Now that the B-Card promotion is over, the Business Promotion Committee would like to know what residents think. The committee is also surveying participating businesses to see how they felt about this first-time business event.

Please fill out this form and drop it in the mail (B-Card, 201 S. Bloomington Roads, B'dale IL 60108) or into the water billing drop box in front of the Village Hall. Or print out the form on the Village's website at www.villageofbloomington.org and fax to 630-893-5136.

Resident B-Card Survey

Did you take advantage of the B-Card Discounts?

Yes _____ No _____

If No, why not: _____

Are there other businesses you wish had participated?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, which businesses?

Other Comments: _____

'Oh, No! We Have a Sanitary Sewer Backup!' If That Happens to You, Here's What You Need to Know

With spring come thoughts of all of those projects that we have been pondering through the winter. It is also a time for plants and trees to begin growing. With that growth, tree roots once again have the possibility of invading sanitary sewer lines through a variety of access points.

If you experience a sewer back-up in your home please contact us at the number listed below prior to calling a contractor or sewer rodding company. We will check the Village sanitary sewer for blockages and advise you as to what or who is responsible for the problem. If the problem is in the Village sewer main we will remove/repair at no cost to you. If the problem is in the private sanitary sewer service we will advise you on the steps you need to take to correct the problem.

The following tips for hiring a contractor apply not only for that project you may be considering, but for that emergency sewer rodding or repair you may be faced with. We hope these general tips will assist you in obtaining a good contractor at a reasonable cost.

- Always get more than one estimate. Contractors vary in price for numerous reasons. You will see that in obtaining more than one estimate.
- Ask the contractor if they have worked in Bloomingdale before and if they are familiar with the codes and permit requirements. Ask for references.
- Ask if the contractor is licensed, bonded, insured, and if copies are available if requested.
- Avoid signing a contract that backs you into a price and waives your right to change your mind. When asked to do so by a contractor, that quote is probably too high and you are being pushed because of the "EMERGENCY" nature of a sewer repair.
- Emergency or after hours cost proposals are typically always higher than regular hours. In most cases you can wait and schedule work to occur during regular hours. It may be an inconvenience to do so, but it should result in lowering the cost. Ask the contractors who are providing you an estimate if there is any cost savings for scheduling the work during regular hours.
- Your sewer back-up will not get any worse if you do not put any more water in it. Refrain from using your water until your sewer is repaired.

Village Services Department contact numbers:

- **For information on Codes and Permits:**
the Building & Zoning Division can be reached at (630) 671-5660.
- **For Sanitary Sewer Problems or general information:**
the Utilities Division can be reached at (630) 671-5830 during normal hours Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. After hours, Utilities Division on-call personnel can be reached through the Police Department non-emergency number at (630) 529-9868.



Household Hazardous Waste Collection on May 3

The first mobile event of 2008 will be held on Saturday, May 3rd from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The location is the Elmhurst Public Works Garage at 985 S. Riverside Drive (north of Roosevelt Road and south of St. Charles Road on east side of IL Route 83).

Acceptable items include mercury thermometers, lawn chemicals and old/expired medications (but not medical waste, such as syringes). Latex paint is not accepted. For a complete list of acceptable and unacceptable items, and for information on latex paint disposal/recycling, contact the HHW Hotline at 630-510-2810 or visit DuPage County's web site at www.dupageco.org/edp/ and click on "Waste, Recycling and Energy."



WELCOME
Bloomingtondale is a
CRIME WATCH
community



We immediately report
all suspicious activities
to our Police Department

OUR SUCCESS IS MEASURED BY THE SCOPE OF YOUR INVOLVEMENT

Sincerely,

Tim Goergen,
Chief of Police

Dawn Odoi,
Community Relations
Officer

529-9868

Bloomingtondale Police Department Aims to Combat Handicap Parking Space Abuse

Are you tired of seeing someone park their vehicle in a handicap parking space, then jump out of the car and run into the store? People do it everyday and they usually don't get caught. Handicap parking abuse is everywhere, especially at your nearby grocery store, shopping mall, restaurant and even the post office. There are times when all of the designated handicap parking spaces are filled with people who are quite capable and do not need the special consideration. When able-bodied citizens use reserved handicap parking spaces, they are being thoughtless in their actions by hindering those individuals who truly need to be in close proximity to a building.

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White initiated an important piece of legislation on January 1st, 2006, to help combat this problem. The legislation deals with the fraud and abuse of disability placards and license plates. The fine for parking in spaces reserved for persons with disabilities has been increased from \$100.00 to \$250.00. The penalty for those who illegally manufacture or alter handicap plates and placards was rigorously increased as well; the fine for a first time offender will be at least \$500.00 up to \$1,000.00. A second or subsequent offense would be a Class 4 Felony with a minimum fine of \$2,000.00 and a maximum fine of \$10,000!

The Bloomingtondale Police Department commenced a program to enforce this legislation and reduce disability parking abuse. The Bloomingtondale Police Department conducts random checks of handicap parking spaces, strictly enforcing any violations. The main purpose of this initiative is to educate the motoring public and to ensure that the dedicated parking spaces are being used appropriately. Note: If you have an official handicap placard and you are the person it is designated to, please place it on the rear view mirror when the vehicle is parked, but not when you are driving the vehicle.

If you have any questions regarding community activities or in need of crime prevention information, please contact Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868.



Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run Supporting Special Olympics

Illinois Special Olympics has a mission to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type games for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics, a not-for profit organization, provides continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community. The program helps empower people with intellectual disabilities to realize their full potential by enhancing their physical fitness and motor skills while building self-confidence and social skills. Special Olympics athletes carry these benefits with them into their daily lives at home, in the classroom, on the job and in the community.

The Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run is the single largest year-round fundraising event benefiting Special Olympics Illinois. In 2007, the Torch Run raised more than \$2 million. This intrastate relay has two goals: to raise money and increase public awareness for the athletes of Special Olympics. Each year, more than 3,000 officers in Illinois run more than 1,500 miles carrying the Flame of Hope through the streets of their hometowns and deliver it in June to the State Summer Games in Normal, Illinois.

The Bloomingtondale Police Department has been an active participant to support the work of Special Olympics Illinois. The department currently has items on sale, the proceeds of which will go toward the Law Enforcement Torch Run fundraising efforts. Each item has the 2008 Special Olympics logo and the pricing will be as follows:

- T-shirt: \$15.00
- Baseball cap: \$15.00
- State of Illinois pin: \$5.00
- Combo set (t-shirt, hat, pin): \$25.00.

If you would like to purchase an item or would like to make a donation, please contact Officer Dawn Odoi of the Bloomingtondale Police Department at (630) 529-9868. For further information about local Special Olympics fundraising events, please check the Village of Bloomingtondale website at www.villageofbloomingtondale.org. Please don't miss out on the opportunity to contribute to the lives of these special individuals!

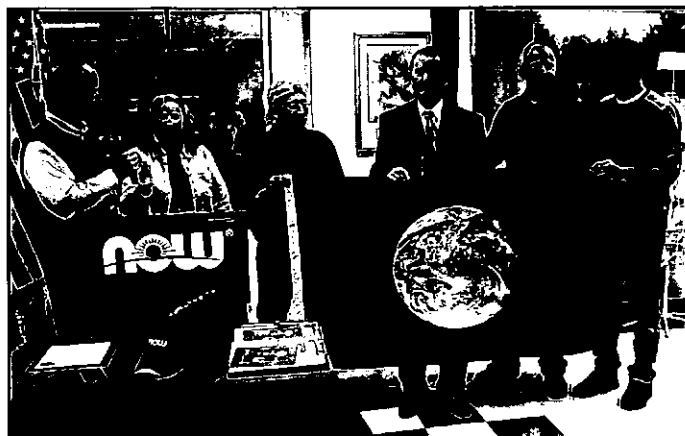
Thank you!!!



The Business Beat features news about businesses. Retail business provides 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.

BUSINESS NEWS



On November 15, 2006, the DuPage County Board presented NOW Foods with the Earth Flag for Business. NOW Foods became the first "for profit" company to receive the Earth Flag in DuPage County.

NOW FOODS BRINGS HEALTHY FOOD TO YOUR TABLE: Did you know that Bloomingdale is home to one of the world's largest dietary supplement manufacturers? Located near the southeast corner of Army Trail and Glen Ellyn roads, NOW opened in 1968 and has been in Bloomingdale since 1998. From its 203,000 sq ft facility, complete with three in-house laboratories, NOW manufactures over 1,500 health products. NOW Health Group is the parent company of both NOW Foods and The Fruitful Yield stores, including the Bloomingdale Road location.

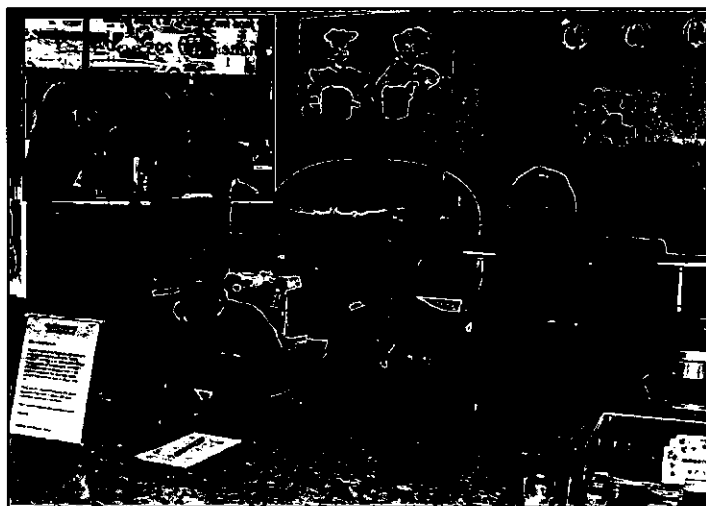
NOW has received many awards for product quality, safety, and environmental efforts. They offer health newsletters, teleseminars, educational programs, and guided facility tours by appointment. Now in their 40th year of business, NOW is expanding its facility by 40,000 sq ft to accommodate its continued growth. This expansion will create many new employment opportunities. To learn more about NOW Foods, go to www.nowfoods.com.



TURANO BAKERY, 142 N. Bloomingdale Road, has been a Bloomingdale staple since 1973. In addition to the traditional Turano breads and rolls, the Bloomingdale location has always baked the pastries, sweets and specialty items for the company. While the national company will be focusing mostly on bread items, our Bloomingdale location will continue to make those sweet treats that keep us coming back for more. And while the sign outside will now say Chicago Pastry and the brand name reads "Casa dei Dolci" (meaning "House of Sweets"), the recipes, the quality, the service and the traditions remain exactly the same. Owners Remo and Egidio Turano want patrons to know the bakery is still "family owned with Old World pride." Chicago Pastry is open 7 days; stop by or call to place an order, (630) 529-6161.

TONY & MIKEY'S ITALIAN DELI AND CAFE opened a few months ago at 231 E. Army Trail Road. Owner Agostino Chiaramonte is new to the restaurant business although he has been in the catering business for some time.

The new venture is completely "a family affair" as his mom, dad and aunt work along with him, and the eatery is named after Agostino's sons, Tony and Mikey. The Italian deli carries everything from subs, grilled Panini and Italian specialty sandwiches to soups and salads, plus pasta and chicken dishes. Chiaramonte says although he gets raves on his whole menu, his top two best-sellers are subs and Panini. The restaurant opens daily at 10 a.m. and is closed Sunday. Delivery is available for lunchtime. Of course, Tony & Mikey's also does catering. Call (630) 295-9130.



Agostino's family ready to serve you! Inset: Lunchtime at Tony & Mikey's.

BLOOMINGDALE CHURCH CELEBRATING 30 YEARS AND BUILDING AGAIN TO THE COMMUNITY

The Bloomingdale Church, 264 Glen Ellyn celebrates its 30-year anniversary this year and has been a visible congregation in town from the beginning. Beginning in April 1978, and supported by both the Lombard Bible Church and the Blanchard Road Alliance Church in Wheaton, Bloomingdale Alliance Church initially met in Marquardt School until an initial structure was completed in 1979 on its five-acre Glen Ellyn Road property. Dr. David Riemenschneider, the original pastor, and his wife Marina are still an active part of the pastoral staff today.

Other pastoral staff include Bill Calvin, associate pastor; Mark Taube, music director; Dan Bailey, children's director; Burt Hollaway, junior high director; Daniel Riemenschneider, high school director; and Joe Zanayed, young adult director. The church, which teaches the practical application of the Bible to people's lives today, is comprised of people with a variety of many church backgrounds.

The church is currently undergoing additional construction as the congregation builds a large two-story brick addition to connect with the main church facility. The 9,600 square-foot addition includes additional classrooms for the church's children and adult programs, as well as a new kitchen area, elevator, library area, additional restrooms and more parking for the site. This "Phase Four" project is the fourth building addition to the church's main building.

The original sanctuary was constructed in 1985, the gymnasium in 1990, a sanctuary enlargement and classrooms in 1995, and finally Phase Four to be completed early this summer. In each construction phase, the congregation provided considerable volunteer labor to keep costs manageable. This latest addition is estimated to cost \$1,500,000 and is being financed by a \$800,000 loan from Harris Bank in combination with the donations of \$700,000 which were contributed over the past two years.

The Bloomingdale Church directs multiple children programs including the weekly Awana Clubs, Sunday School, Children's Church, Joy Junction Preschool and its annual Day Camp. A teen coffee house, The Solid Grounds, and the gym are open to teens every Friday night. There are also numerous adult education classes on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. The congregation gathers for worship and teaching from the Bible every Sunday at 8:30 AM and 11 AM.

The Bloomingdale Church has been known as the "people church" for most of the 30 years of its existence. The original concept of the logo made of people standing together to form the church was created by long time Bloomingdale resident, Bill Murray. In keeping with its official logo, the Bloomingdale Church has sought to be a people focused church through its multiple, highly active programs for children, teens and adults. A large, colorful wood people church logo hangs on the exterior of the church near the new construction.



Groundbreaking in May, 2007



Day camp



Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Scholarship Application Deadline is May 2, 2008

GET YOUR TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS NOW!

The Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Memorial Scholarship has awarded hundreds of thousands of dollars to young adults in our community over the last 33 years. Community service has played a large part in the lives of past scholarship winners. **COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MAY 2, 2008.**

The applicant must comply with the following criteria:

- Is a resident of incorporated Village of Bloomingdale, Illinois
- Is a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
- Is between the ages of 16 and 20 years of age.
- Exhibits school and community involvement.
- Plans to attend a college, university, or trade school after graduation from high school or is currently enrolled in a college, university or trade school.
- Complete the following application packet:
Application Form (typewritten preferable)
 - a. Two letters of recommendation – one letter must be from a high school teacher, college professor, volunteer coordinator adult source (not a family member or family friend).
 - b. Compose an essay of a minimum of 500 words describing your life, contributions to the community, your activities, career plans, schools applied to, if applicable, and your opinions/ideas about living in the Village of Bloomingdale and attach it to the application form. Essays will be judged on content, grammar, and thoroughness.
- The application packet must be complete (including letters of recommendation) when submitted and all requirements must be met. The application packet should be mailed or delivered to:

The Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Memorial Scholarship
c/o Village of Bloomingdale
201 S. Bloomingdale Road
Bloomingdale, IL 60108
- There will be a mandatory judge's night interview to be held on Sunday, June 8, 2008 at the Village of Bloomingdale, Council Room, 201 S. Bloomingdale Rd., Bloomingdale, IL 60108.



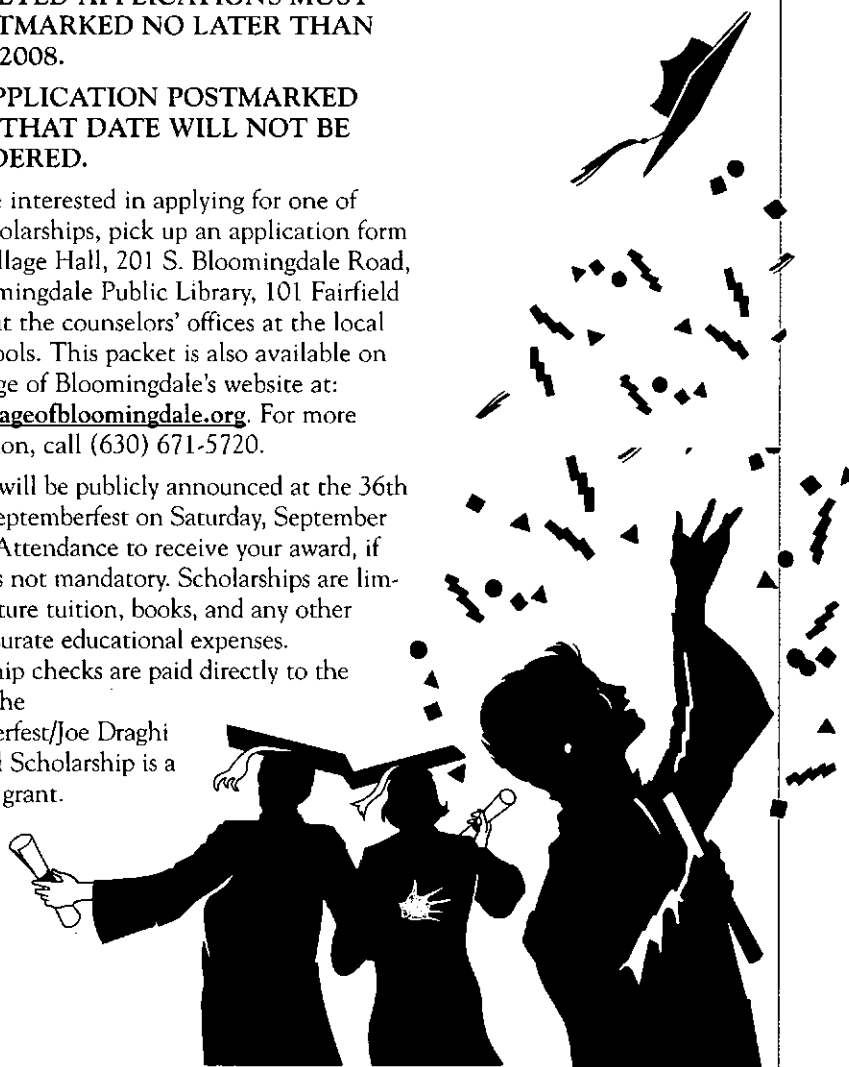
The 2007 Joe Draghi Septemberfest scholarship winners.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MAY 2, 2008.

ANY APPLICATION POSTMARKED AFTER THAT DATE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

If you are interested in applying for one of these scholarships, pick up an application form at the Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road, the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way, or at the counselors' offices at the local high schools. This packet is also available on the Village of Bloomingdale's website at: www.villageofbloomingdale.org. For more information, call (630) 671-5720.

Winners will be publicly announced at the 36th annual Septemberfest on Saturday, September 6, 2008. Attendance to receive your award, if chosen, is not mandatory. Scholarships are limited to future tuition, books, and any other commensurate educational expenses. Scholarship checks are paid directly to the school. The Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Memorial Scholarship is a one-time grant.



THE VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE AND
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ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE PRE-SALES OF THE...

MEGA-SPECIAL RIDE BRACELET!

PLEASE NOTE: THIS OFFER IS VALID FOR UNLIMITED RIDES THROUGHOUT FAMILY FEST WITH NO BLACKOUT DATES OR TIMES AT A COST OF \$45.00 PER BRACELET, PER PERSON. ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS. THIS OFFER MUST BE PURCHASED IN PERSON AT EITHER LOCATION LISTED BELOW. THIS IS A LIMITED TIME OFFER FOR PRESALE PURCHASES ONLY, BEGINNING MAY 31 AND ENDING JUNE 14. THIS OFFER WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE FEST.

Sales will begin on: Saturday, May 31, 2008
Sales will end on: Saturday, June 14, 2008

The cost is \$45.00 per bracelet, per person. Cash or checks only. We regret that we cannot accept debit/credit cards.

Checks can be made payable to the Village of Bloomingdale.

You may purchase this special offer during business hours at the following locations:

Bloomington Village Hall
201 S. Bloomington Road
Bloomington, IL 60108
(630) 893-7000

Hours:

Monday - Friday 8:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Bloomington Public Library
101 Fairfield Way
Bloomington, IL 60108
(630) 924-2720

Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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FAMILY FEST DATES & TIMES

Thursday, June 26, 2008
5:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Friday, June 27, 2008
5:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 28, 2008
1:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 29, 2008
1:00 - 11:00 p.m.



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Phone Number _____

Number of bracelets requested _____ @ \$45.00 ea. = \$ _____

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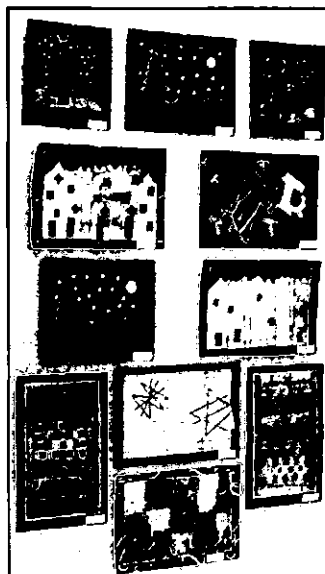
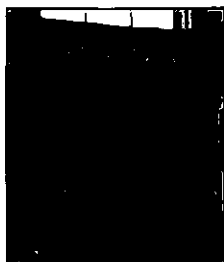
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EVENTS

Art Show at Park District Museum Through April 26

The Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road, hosts the 25th annual Student Art Show running now through April 26th. View the creativity of local children ranging from kindergarten through high school. Over 200 works are displayed in a variety of media. Come be inspired. The museum is open Wed, 4-8; Th & Fri, 10-4; Sat, 12-4.



Women's Club Hosts 'A Rainbow of Fashion' on April 6

The Bloomingdale Women's Club invites all to their 33rd annual Fashion Show, "A Rainbow of Fashion" on Sunday, April 6, 2008. The event begins with cocktails at noon and lunch at 1 p.m. at Alta Villa, 430 N. Addison Road in Addison. Tickets are \$35 each. Contact Candie at 630-462-0540 for tickets or more information. This year's show will benefit People's Resource Center.

Parks Foundation Recognition Dinner April 5

The Bloomingdale Parks Foundation hosts its annual Recognition Dinner on Saturday, April 5 at the Hilton Indian Lakes Resort, 250 W. Schick Road, beginning at 6:30 p.m. A number of volunteers will be honored for their dedication to park programs at the Foundation's signature fundraising event. The evening consists of dinner, entertainment, and dancing, as well as a special presentation "Windows to the Wetland," which will focus on the restoration plan for the park's wetland areas. Call Anita at 630-529-3650 or download a ticket order form at www.bloomingdaleparks.org.

Earth Day Trails Clean-Up April 26

Everyone is encouraged to participate in the 2008 annual Earth Day trails cleanup to be held Saturday, April 26, rain or shine. Contact Frndsgtrwstntrl@aol.com if you want to take responsibility of a section of the trail. To help clean up the Illinois Prairie Path, go to www.ipp.org or call 630-752-0120 for info.

Letter Carrier Food Drive May 10

On May 10, the National Association of Letter Carriers will hold their annual food drive. The need for donations is growing steadily with the economy being strained. All donations are given to the Bloomingdale Township Food Pantry for local residents. Please leave donations by your mailbox by 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 10. Thank you in advance for your help. -- Food Drive Coordinators Daryl W. Miller & Bryan Toler

Six Healing Encounters: The Journey Through Grief

An adult grief group, facilitated by a trained grief specialist, meets every first & third Thursday 6:30 - 8 p.m. at Alden Valley Ridge, 273 E. Army Trail Road. Contact Rev. Jeffrey Pears, bereavement coordinator at (630) 317-3341 to register for this adult grief support group.

How Sweet They Are! Third Annual Bloomingdale Lions' Vidalia Onion Fundraiser -- Order Yours Today!

The Bloomingdale Lions Club will have a busy spring. Once again, the Club is selling 10 lb bags of Vidalia onions. Each bag of these sweet onions will sell for \$10 a bag. Orders are being taken through April 30, 2008. Onions will be available for pick up May 9 & 10 at Starck Realty, 181 S. Bloomingdale Road. For more info call Sandy Kozlowski at 630-690-9281 or Sharyn Murphy at 630-529-7557. Mail in order, along with a check made out to the "Bloomingdale Lions Club," to P.O. Box 318, Bloomingdale, IL 60108 or drop off at Starck Realty, 181 S. Bloomingdale Road.

On Friday, May 9, the Lions will host a Steak Fry from 5-8 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road. For \$17 you can get a sirloin steak or BBQ chicken dinner. For tickets, contact Jerryb1202@aol.com.

Proceeds of these fundraisers will go to community programs, vision testing, and eyeglasses for needy Bloomingdale adults and children.

Editor's Note: Congratulations to the Bloomingdale Lions Club, which recently received an award from Lions Project Canine Companions for Independence for the club's contributions to their non-profit organization that raises and trains assistance dogs for persons in wheelchairs. The Lions raised the money through their September 2006 and 2007 Walk-a-Dog-a-Thons at Springfield Park.

EVENTS

My Day Foundation Assists Cervical Cancer Patients

Resident Pamela M. Smialek founded the My Day Foundation, Inc. after her diagnosis and surgery for cervical cancer. Although she had personal support through her friends & family, she learned there was no organization that focused exclusively on cervical cancer. Through her organization she hopes to raise the money to aid in medical research and specifically for a cure for cervical cancer. She is beginning this campaign with a "Walk for the Cure" already set for May 4th, 2008. Harris Bank of Bloomingdale is sponsoring part of the Walk. Registration forms can be downloaded at www.mydaylooking.org or email questions to info@mydaylooking.org. Not only is the foundation raising money to aid in medical research, but also plans to reach out at a local level to clinics and sponsor Pap Screenings to woman who may not be able to afford them.

Villagers Fashion Show On April 3

The Bloomingdale Villagers will present their annual Spring and Summer Fashion Show featuring fashions from Coldwater Creek. The event begins at 6:30 at the Bloomingdale Public Library on April 3, 2008. Area women are invited. Refreshments and favors for each attendee. A \$10 charity donation is requested at the door. For more information call Joan at 630-529-9774 or Eileen at 630-924-1296.

Also -- mark your calendars. The Villagers 3rd annual Garden Walk takes place Sunday, July 20. Six great area gardens are slated for the afternoon. Watch the June issue of the Almanac for details

We're Updating Our Files

The Village is updating its water and sewer account records regarding owner information on residential and commercial rental properties. Tenants or owners of residential and commercial rental properties are requested to contact the Village to verify or update owner information. Owner information is often used to contact owners about utility bills and building and zoning issues. You may contact Dolores Orlik in Water Billing by calling 630-671-5650. The name of the owner, owner address and owner telephone number will be requested when you call in. Thank you for taking the time to help the Village update this important information.



General Assembly Scholarship Program Available to Those Attending State Universities

Students who will be attending state universities in Illinois may submit applications for the General Assembly Scholarship program to the office of State Sen. Carole Pankau (R-Itasca) through April 15.

Students whose permanent addresses lie within the 23rd District are eligible. Eight one-year tuition waivers – for fall 2008, spring 2009, and summer 2009 – are available to students who will be attending state universities.

Senator Pankau appoints a screening committee of community leaders to review all applications and make recommendations to her. Names of those selected will be announced after June.

Applications are available at Senator Pankau's office at One Tiffany Pointe, Suite G, Bloomingdale, IL 60172, phone (630) 582-0390, or by going to www.pankau.senategop.org.

Deadline for all completed applications is April 15.



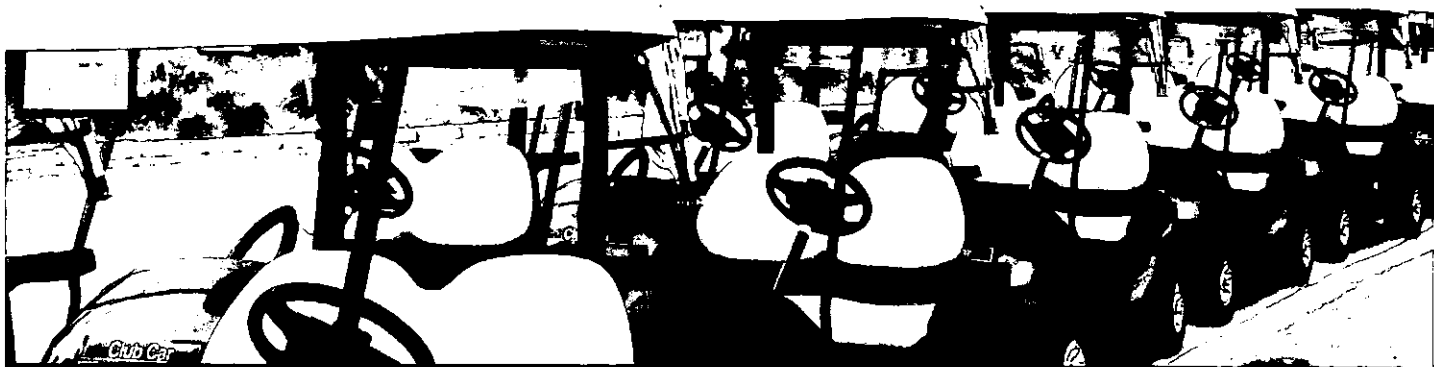


BLOOMINGDALE

The Teeing Ground

at Bloomingdale Golf Club!

Bloomingdale Golf Club 2008 Season



181 Glen Ellyn Road • 630-529-6232

Opening Day March 28 (weather permitting)

Spring rates offered

Check out our website at www.bloomingdalegc.com
for the latest information on rates, classes, clinics, specials and more!



What a winter we've had! It's safe to say that we have been spoiled with the last few mild winters. However, I am confident in saying there's an end in sight! Spring is just around the corner and along with spring there is GOLF! Keep thinking green and the smell of freshly mowed grass and by the time you know it you will be on the golf course.

New this season, we have simplified booking tee times on-line. Visit us at www.bloominglegalegc.com and proceed to the area for booking a tee time. Once at the reservation site, you may create a user profile which will expedite future tee time bookings by eliminating repeat entering of personal information when booking a tee time. It's as simple as 1-2-3!

You will also notice on the website a new link for "Golf Specials". This location is where Bloomingdale Golf Club will be offering periodic golf rate specials. These specials will only be available to those booking on-line!

As always, be certain to stop by the golf shop to see "What's New" in golf apparel and equipment. If you do not find what you are looking for, don't worry, our golf shop personnel will be more than happy to assist with locating that specific item in our vendor catalogues and special ordering it.

To make things easy, all golf rates, lesson and junior programs, and various information can be accessed on our website at www.bloominglegalegc.com. To give you a heads up on activities being offered this year, following are the Adult and Junior Clinics scheduled along with the dates the junior course will be available.

If you have not signed up for our Loyalty Program; take a second to look on-line to see what you are missing! The cost to become a participant is ZERO DOLLARS and you have the chance to earn a free round of golf or two!

Finally, we will once again attempt to hold our 3rd Annual Opening Scramble Event on Sunday, April 27th. Golf will begin at 9 a.m. (shotgun start) and the cost per player will be \$75.00. If possible, we ask that you sign-up as a four-some. More information and a registration form may be obtained in the golf pro shop or on-line.

We look forward to seeing you this season. Please give us a call if you have any further questions at (630) 529-6232.

Happy Golfing,

The golf staff at Bloomingdale Golf Club

2008 Junior Golf Program

REGISTRATION TO BEGIN SATURDAY, APRIL 5th, 2008

Bloomington Golf Club will be offering a summer Junior Golf Program, taught by our PGA golf professional staff, to all interested boys and girls. The program will be structured around basic fundamentals of the golf swing, rules and etiquette of the game, safety, and fun contests. Our objective is to provide juniors a good start to a game that can be played and enjoyed for a lifetime

Youngsters between the ages of 6 and 16 are eligible to participate. Each class must have a minimum of 4 and will not exceed 12 students. All students must have a set of golf clubs. If there is a need for equipment, please inform the golf shop and we will attempt to provide some clubs. Juniors need to wear proper attire and footwear. Golf shoes or tennis shoes are suggested. Please, no flip-flops or sandals. This is a very good starting point for learning proper golf etiquette.

Registration will begin on April 5th, 2008. You may do so by coming into the golf shop or by filling out the registration form and sending it in. Registration forms will be made available on-line beginning April 1st, at www.bloomingtondalegc.com.

If your junior golfer is in need of golf clubs, we offer Nike and Tour Edge equipment. Our PGA professional will be happy to assist you in finding the correct club(s), set and size. For juniors participating in the program, your purchase will be discounted 20% off the list price!

Four sessions are offered with a choice of four groups. When registering, select the session you wish your youngster to participate in and then the age group.

SESSION DATES and GROUP TIMES:

Session 1: Tuesday-Friday, June 10th-13th

Session 2: Tuesday-Friday, June 24th-27th

Session 3: Tuesday-Friday, July 8th-11th

Session 4: Tuesday-Friday, July 22nd-25th

<u>Group</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Red	6-8	9:00 am - 9:50 am	\$45.00
White 1	9-12	10:00 am - 11:15 am	\$65.00
White 2	9-12	11:30 am - 12:45 pm	\$65.00
Blue	13-16	1:00 pm - 1:45 pm	\$65.00

Note: Fee includes golf handouts and contest awards

Days of inclement weather, please contact the golf shop at (630) 529-6232 to find out if program was cancelled. Rain dates have been set aside for cancellations.

ADVANCED JUNIORS

An additional group choice (BLACK) is available for juniors between the ages of 12 and 16 who have participated in a structured junior golf program a minimum of two years, have knowledge of rules and etiquette, demonstrate playing ability and received approval from the PGA professional. This class will focus on accelerated instruction and individual swing improvements. Contact the golf shop and speak to the PGA professional to determine if you are eligible.

Session 5: Tuesday-Friday, July 15th-18th (Advanced)

<u>Group</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Black	12-16	10:30 am - 11:45 am	\$65.00

11th Annual Junior Open Golf Tournament

Make a note on your calendar!

Where: Bloomington Golf Club

When: Tuesday, July 29th

Ages: 9-17 years
(Boys and Girls)

Register to play 6, 9 or 18 holes

Registration and further information: Contact the Bloomington Park District at (630) 529-3650.



6-Hole Junior Course

Interested in playing a little golf with your child? We have a wonderful option for you!

Incorporated within the practice range is a 6-hole junior course with holes that vary in length from 45 to 90 yards. These holes are ideal for both juniors and beginning golfers wanting to get started in the game, and experienced golfers wanting to fine-tune their short game.

Since the practice range needs to be closed down to set-up the 6-hole course, Monday is the selected day between 10:00 am and 2:30 pm for the Junior Golf Course to be available.

Following are the dates:

June 16th, June 30th, July 7th, July 14th, July 28th, and August 4th

The fee for using the short course is \$5.00 per player and tee times may be made one week in advance. Availability is subject to change, therefore, please call ahead

MIXED ADULT CLINICS

(18 years and older)



Bloomingtondale Golf Club will be offering a variety of adult golf clinics this season. Classes will meet at Bloomingtondale Golf Club's practice range. There will be four types of classes offered, each based and designed with past students' ability and preferences taken into consideration. All classes will meet once a week with the exception of one "Short Game Only" clinic. This class will meet twice a week (see date outline).

Classes must have a minimum of 4 students and will not exceed 8 students (subject to change). Range balls are included along with a training aid (if applicable). Register in person at the golf shop or fill out the registration form and mail it in. Registration will begin on April 1st, 2008. Forms will be available on-line at www.bloomingtondalegc.com. When required, you will need to bring golf clubs to each class. If you do not have golf clubs, please let us know in advance.

Session	Day	Dates	Time
A-1	Tuesday	April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13	11:00 am – 12:00 pm
A-2	Friday	May 16, 30, June 6, 13, 20	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
B-1	Tuesday	April 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27, June 3	12:30 pm – 1:45 pm
B-2	Thursday	May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 12, 19	6:00 pm – 7:15 pm
B-3	Saturday	May 17, 31, June 7, 14, 21, 28	10:00 am – 11:15 am
C-1	Tuesday	May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 10	6:00 pm – 7:15 pm
C-2	Tuesday	July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	6:00 pm – 7:15 pm
C-3	Thursday	July 10, 17, 24, 31, August 7	6:00 pm – 7:15 pm
C-4	Saturday	July 12, 19, 26, August 2, 9	10:00 am – 11:15 am
D-1	Tues-Thurs	June 17, 19, 24, 26	7:30 pm – 8:30 pm
D-2	Wednesday	July 2, 9, 16, 23	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
D-3	Saturday	July 26, August 2, 9, 16	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

(Times and availability subject to change)

CLASS A -- 'NEVER, EVER GOLFER' CLINIC

This class will be geared to those who never touched a golf club and would like to be introduced to the game. Learn about the game and the etiquette of the sport, the golf course, and the beginning basics of holding and swinging a golf club. The fee for this class is \$100 and will meet 5 times for one hour

CLASS B -- 'BEGINNER GOLFER' CLINIC

This class is geared toward individuals who have played some golf and need to continue work on the basic fundamentals. Areas to be covered are; gripping the golf club correctly, proper aim and stance, body positioning before, during and after the golf swing, and golf course make-up, rules and etiquette. Instruction will involve woods, irons and putting. The fee for this class is \$125 and will meet 6 times for one hour and fifteen minutes.

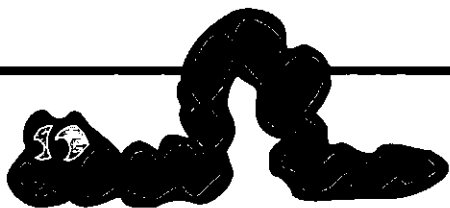
CLASS C -- 'INTERMEDIATE GOLFER' CLINIC

This clinic is for golfers who have a good understanding of swing fundamentals and would like to improve on common swing flaws. Students must be able to make consistent ball contact for participation in this class. Focus and emphasis will be placed on educating students on the "cause and effect" of their golf shots and how to implement corrections. Time will be spent on woods, irons and putting. The fee for this class is \$110 and will meet 5 times for one hour and fifteen minutes.

CLASS D -- 'SHORT GAME ONLY' CLINIC

This clinic is for golfers who consider their ball striking ability adequate, but realize that they "throw-away" (waste) strokes around the green. Focus will be on improving putting and chipping techniques and utilizing various teaching drills to build students' confidence level. Sand bunker play will be covered. The fee for this class is \$85.00 and will meet 4 times for one hour.





Bagworms: Here's What You Need to Know

(Source: *The Morton Arboretum and Kramer Tree Specialists*)

Twenty species of bagworms exist, affecting a wide range of host plants. Bagworms feed on the foliage of many evergreens, deciduous trees and shrubs, including arborvitae, juniper, false cypress, spruce, fir and pine in our area.

Bagworms are more easily identified in the spring (from a distance they can be mistaken for cones), and when practical, can be removed and destroyed. Simply pick the bagworms off the plant and squash them. Be sure to cut the attachment silk band so that the branch will not be girdled in the future.

Severe infestations may require treatment. Spray applications of a bacterial insecticide such as Bt (*Bacillus thuringiensis*) are effective in controlling bagworms. Applications need to be administered in June, when the spray-timing indicator plants Northern Catalpa (*Catalpa speciosa*) and Japanese Tree Lilac (*Syringa reticulata*) are in full bloom. Applications are repeated at three to ten day intervals, dependent on weather. At least two applications are recommended.

Symptoms

Bagworms are often compared to caterpillar larvae, as the worm hides inside a self-constructed bag likened to a cocoon (hence the name bagworm). Bagworms create these cases out of silk and bits of twigs or leaves, interwoven to disguise and strengthen the case. When the larva is small, it feeds on the upper side of



the leaf, resulting in a brown spot on the leaf. The larva moves to the lower surface as it grows and eats all of the leaf except for the larger veins. The change from pupa to adult requires seven to ten days, depending on weather. Adult females never leave the bag they constructed as a larva, but adult males emerge as moths. The male moth flies to the female, mates, and dies in a few days. The female produces 500 to 1,000 eggs that overwinter inside her bag. The eggs hatch and larvae emerge in late May to early June.

For more information, contact Jim Johnson, our Village Forester, at 630-671-5804. Color photos can be found at <http://www.forestryimages.org/search/action.cfm?q=bagworms>.

Maybe It's Babies

From early spring to late fall is the birthing season for wild mammals. New mothers are often out during the day to search for food while their babies sleep.

We've all heard it said that a nocturnal animal out during the day must be sick, possibly with rabies.

NOT NECESSARILY TRUE!

If you see a skunk, raccoon or opossum out during the day, watch it for a while. If it seems healthy, and shows no signs of injury, just keep your distance and enjoy. It's probably a mom, taking advantage of her babies' naptime to get some food for herself and her young. She can't leave them during the nighttime hours when they're awake. They wouldn't be safe. So she waits until they settle in for sleep in the daytime, and she slips out.

Give a wild animal the benefit of the doubt. A call to the authorities just because the animal is out during the day might result in that animal being euthanized. If it's a mom, that will also result in the deaths of her young from starvation, exposure, or attack by predators.

If you see a night animal during the day, and notice that it's injured, call Willowbrook Wildlife Center at 630-942-6200 for advice.

If any animal, either wild or domestic, is acting strangely, is lethargic, partially paralyzed, having trouble walking, or is obviously aggressive, then a call to the authorities is a good idea.

BE CAREFUL. Never approach a wild animal; make sure that your garbage is secure.

BE SMART. Have your cats and dogs inoculated against rabies; don't feed them outdoors.

BE AWARE. Day traveling raccoons and skunks are most likely not rabid.

BE COMPASSIONATE. It's tough enough for wild animal mothers to raise their babies.

GIVE MOM A BREAK!

Source: *Willowbrook Wildlife Center*





Bloomington Fire Protection District #1



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Spring Clean for Safety — Inside & Out!

With warmer weather and longer days approaching, people in Bloomington are emerging from their winter cocoons to focus on long-neglected projects like spring-cleaning, home repairs, and yard work. Many are also lacing up their shoes for their first outdoor walk or jog of the season. These activities can be extremely beneficial, but they also involve a variety of health and safety hazards that can be avoided with the proper precautions. To help ensure everyone in our community stays safe this season, the members of the Bloomington Fire Protection District offer some safety tips and suggest you copy and post them where they can be seen by your family members and co-workers.

Cleaning for Safety

Nature is undergoing a fresh start and so are homeowners who are ready to clean up the debris that has been accumulating in basements, storage sheds, and garages over the winter.

- Household and pool chemicals, paints, and poisons should be properly marked and stored under lock and key, away from children's reach. Dispose of any that are leaking, expired, or that look bad. (Ed. Note: see page 7 for Household Hazardous Waste Event)
- When cleaning up hazardous chemicals wear rubber gloves and follow the safety directions on the packaging.
- Never mix chemicals in the same container if you don't know how to dispose of them; seek outside advice. Never put them into the trash or pour down the drain.
- Make sure gasoline and cleaning fluids are well marked and stored in a cool, dry place away from the house and out of the reach of children and pets. Use only approved containers for gasoline storage.
- Never use gasoline to clean skin, clothes, auto parts, or floors.

- Clean up work areas. Put dangerous tools, adhesives, matches, or other work items away from children's reach.
- Check your barbecue grill for leaks and cracks, and be sure to store any propane tanks away from your house and garage.

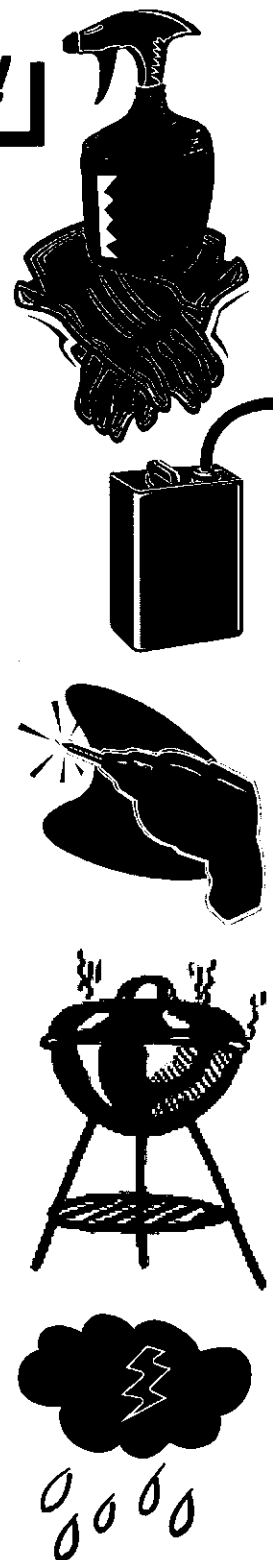
Remove all fire hazards, including stacks of rags, newspapers, and magazines. Pay special attention to the spaces around your furnace, hot water tank, fireplace, space heaters, and dryer, as well as under the stairs.

Outdoor Safety

Ready for some outdoor exercise and adventure? Here are a few pointers.

- Winter's inactive muscles can take only so much strain. Don't overdo it — build up slowly so you don't have strains that can put you out of commission for some time.
- It may look appealing, but don't wander on frozen rivers and lakes in the spring. The ice is beginning to thaw, and you never know just how thin the ice really is.
- Spring's extra rain and thawing snow can cause normally safe rivers, streams, and creeks to turn treacherous. Even standing on banks can be risky as they can be undercut by rushing water and give in under your weight.
- Springtime is also severe weather time. If the skies look threatening, check to see if a storm watch or warning has been issued before you initiate outdoor activities.

If you're already outside and thunderstorms threaten, go immediately into a building or enclosed vehicle. For tornadoes, go to the nearest safe structure, or the basement or interior first-floor room of your home. If there's no time to follow these precautions, take cover in a ditch or depression in the ground.





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April/May, 2008

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INTRODUCING GALE VIRTUAL REFERENCE LIBRARY

Imagine if the Library was somehow able to find the money and the space to buy 300 new reference books. Just think about how much more information we would be able to provide to the community! Well, we did the next best thing. The Library owns a product called Gale Virtual Reference Library that you can access through the **Research** link on our website, www.mybpl.org.

This online product contains the full text of over 300 reference books in subject areas such as business, history, biography, health, science, religion, education, environment, law, government, and social science. This represents a huge step forward for us in the area of virtual reference. Bloomingdale residents now have access to a wealth of information at their fingertips day and night, because all these reference sources are

available to you from your home computer 24 hours a day. It's like bringing the reference collection home with you! Not only that, but you can search all 300 titles at once, retrieving the relevant information from each title with just one search.

All students should familiarize themselves with this database, as well as the other online resources that we provide. They will prove invaluable to busy students who don't always have time to come to the Library during regular business hours. Appointments are available to meet with a librarian for a free one hour session to get an overview of this product, our website or any other research questions you may have.

Call Julie Keating at (630) 924-2733 to set up an appointment.



JOIN THE CIRCLE OF KNOWLEDGE @ YOUR LIBRARY

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 13 - 19, 2008

Celebrate National Library Week and learn more about what the library can offer you by participating in our daily scavenger hunt! Each scavenger hunt player has the chance to win great prizes every day.

Stop by the Adult Reference Desk during National Library Week to pick up a list of questions.



SPOTLIGHT ON . . .

RESEARCH ESSENTIALS

Are you curious about the resources the library has to offer? One-hour appointments are available to meet with a reference librarian. If you are working on a research project, we can show you the resources you need to get started. Every student should be familiar with our research databases.

We can show you the basics of library research, including an introduction to our computer catalog and the electronic databases. This program is available for individuals or groups.

Please call Julie Keating for an appointment at (630) 924-2733.



YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAMS

To register for the following programs, please call the Youth Services Reference Desk at (630) 924-2740.

BOOK IT WITH YOUR LIBRARIAN CONTEST

(Preschool through grade 6)

National Library Week, April 13 - 19

We all have favorites. Favorite colors, favorite songs, and of course, favorite books! Enter our contest in the Youth Services Department and see if you can match the librarians to their favorite children's books. A winner will be selected from all correct entries, and notified on April 21 to pick up a special prize!

ANNUAL GUESS THAT SHREDDERED BOOK CONTEST!

(Preschool through grade 6)

National Library Week, April 13 - 19

Come join the fun trying to guess the two books that have been, oh my, shredded by the librarians! Can you believe it?! The library has shredded not one, but two books! Although the books were already damaged, it was still a painful experience, because you know that, normally, you should never shred a book. Come to the Youth Services Department during National Library Week and use your magnifying glass to read the tattered pages of the books and identify the title. If there is more than one correct guess, the sleuth-savvy participants' names will be entered into a drawing for a special prize.

KIDSQUARE AT STRATFORD SQUARE MALL

(Children of all ages)

Wednesday, April 23

10:30 a.m.

Stories, music, and more will be presented by the Library's Youth Services staff at the Stratford Square Mall's KidSquare Club. Mark KidSquare days on your calendar and get ready to get silly!

TUESDAYS WITH TOYS

(Ages 3 months to 5 years)

Tuesday, April 29 and Tuesday, May 27

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

Registration is not required.

Tuesdays with Toys is an informal program which gives parents with small children the opportunity to meet and talk with other parents, while children play with toys and games. Drop in for one session or both.



WHERE IN BLOOMINGDALE IS PAGES?

(Preschool through grade 6)

Children's Book Week, May 12 - 18

Pages, the library bear has embarked on a new adventure. He has been spotted gallivanting around Bloomington. Come to the Youth Services Department to see pictures from Pages and guess where he has been. One lucky winner will be selected from all correct entries to win a Pages Bear of his or her very own!

Get in the game, READ!

June 9 - August 2

The Youth Services Department is busy planning this year's Summer Reading Program, **Get in the game, READ!** Special features will include storytime programs for babies, preschoolers, and families. Families and school age children will also be invited to join us in our action-packed adventures during special programs and events. Watch for Youth Services librarians who will be visiting Bloomington schools in May! A brochure with detailed program and registration information will be mailed to Bloomington residents in late May.

VOLUNTEERS (Grades 7-12)



ORIENTATION MEETING

Thursday, May 22

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

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SCHEDULING MEETING

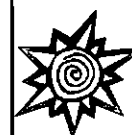
Saturday, June 7

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

Registration is required;
limit: 20 participants.

Are you a student in grades 7 - 12? Are you looking for a fun way to get job experience,

earn service hours, or make a difference in the community? If so, the Bloomington Public Library VolunTEENs program is looking for you! During your summer vacation, we'll develop a schedule to fit your availability and our programming needs. You'll prepare crafts, help keep the library tidy, and help out with special events. The Orientation Meeting familiarizes teen volunteers with department and library procedure, and is **mandatory** for all VolunTEENs who were not active during the winter session. Additionally, new and old VolunTEENs will meet on Saturday, June 7th at 1 p.m. to develop a work schedule for the summer session. Attendance at this scheduling meeting is **mandatory** for all summer VolunTEENs. For more information about this program please contact Tiffany Torbeck, VolunTEEN Coordinator, at (630) 924-2745.



**SUMMER
HOURS**

Beginning May 25 the library will be closed on Sundays for the summer. Regular Sunday hours will resume on September 7.

Summer Hours

Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday - Saturday
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - **CLOSED**



YOUNG ADULT SPOT *Open to Teens 7th - 12th grades only.*



**JOIN THE CIRCLE OF KNOWLEDGE
@ YOUR LIBRARY**

National Library Week April 13-19, 2008

Celebrate National Library Week with a daily scavenger hunt just for teens! You'll have the chance to win a new book or manga from some of your favorite authors. Stop by the YA Spot during National Library Week to pick up your scavenger hunt list.

ANIME FEST

**Saturday, April 12
12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

Get ready for a five hour anime marathon! Featuring free pizza, a trivia contest with prizes, and lots of Pocky. Limited to 25 teens. Please register in person at the Reference Desk or by phone at (630) 924-2730.

TEEN GAME NIGHT

**Thursday, April 10
Thursday, May 8
6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

Now with even more games! Show off your skills in Rock Band, outthink your opponent in Brain Age, or score a touchdown in Madden 2008! Bring your friends and enjoy free food. Registration not necessary, just stop on by!

ANIME CLUB

**No Meeting in April
(See Anime Fest event)
Wednesday, May 28
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!

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 or planning teen programs. 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.

WRITE YOUR OWN REVIEW CONTEST

Entire month of May

Loved the latest blockbuster film? Discovered a great new author? Then write a book, graphic novel, movie, TV show, or music review for the library! All reviews will be entered into a drawing for a \$10 gift card, and you'll receive a mini candy bar just for submitting. The more reviews you write, the more chances you'll have to win!

Reviews should be one paragraph or longer and include your name and phone number. All reviews will be posted on the teen section of the library's website. Turn in reviews to the Adult Reference Desk. Gift card winner will be notified June 1.

GO GREEN!

DESIGN YOUR OWN TOTE BAG

**Thursday, May 22
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

Protect the environment by making a reusable tote bag! Bring in a picture to transfer to your bag and then decorate it with paint and other accessories. Help cut down on the billions of plastic bags used every year, while also creating a custom bag. Limited to 12 teens. Please register in person at the Reference Desk or by phone at (630) 924-2730.

24-7 HOMEWORK HELP!

Major paper due tomorrow? Having trouble with a nasty math problem? If you're looking for homework help, check out the library's 24-7 resources! The library offers IM chat and online databases with newspaper and magazine articles, books, and much more!

To use these resources, go the library's homepage (www.mybpl.org) and check out the Premier Services area located to the lower left. If you have a chat question, click the AskAway icon to start your IM session.

If you need articles or resources for a project, select the Research Databases icon. As a Bloomington library cardholder, you can download database articles from home anytime. Use our databases to find reliable sources beyond Google!

**GRAPHIC NOVELS & MANGA @
THE LIBRARY**

Did you know the library has a young adult manga and graphic novel collection? Stop by and check out volumes of popular series including Fullmetal Alchemist, Fruits Basket, Naruto, Bleach, Ultimate Spider-man, and many more.

ADULT/TEEN SUMMER READING PROGRAM *June 9 - August 2*

Batter up! Adults and high school age teens are invited to step up to the plate and participate in this year's summer reading program, **Get in the game, READ!** Each time you read or listen to a book between June 9 and August 2, stop at the Reference Desk and we will record your title. All adults and teens who read at least

one book will be eligible for weekly prize drawings. The more books you read, the better chance you have to win the grand prizes at the end of the program! Prizes include an overnight stay for a family of four at Indian Lakes Resort. You can also get credit for trying new library services, so get your pencils and scorecards ready.



**ADULT PROGRAMS** *To register for the following programs, please call the Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730.***CPR BASICS CLASS**

Saturday, April 5
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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

EXPLORING THAILAND

Monday, April 7
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Looking for warm weather and new sights? Visit Thailand in a slide show presentation with world traveler, Bill Helmuth. Thailand is a top choice for an exotic Southeast Asian vacation. Fairy tale Buddhist architecture compliments extraordinary beauty from its mountains to the gracious 5-star hotel studded beaches awash in the rolling waves of the South China Sea and Indian Ocean. Bangkok, Phuket, and Chang Mai are just a few of the exciting treasures that await you.

AUTO DETAILING LIKE A PROFESSIONAL

Tuesday, April 8
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Learn the secrets of the experts in car care with Gary Kouba, Owner of Perfect Auto Finish. We'll cover every aspect of interior and exterior detailing, including a list of the best products, how to enhance and maintain paint finishes, paint correction techniques, and how to clean your engine. If your car looks like it suffered a long winter of road salt and sand, or if you want to perfect your detailing technique, this is the program for you!

MEET EMILY DICKINSON

Tuesday, April 15
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Celebrate National Poetry Month with a one-woman play about the life and works of Emily Dickinson. Actress Paddy Lynn will show you why Emily Dickinson has become one of America's most preeminent and beloved poets. Interested young adults are encouraged to attend this program.

THE CIVIL WAR GENERALS

Tuesday, April 22
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Discover more about the lives and personalities of the generals of the Civil War in a unique presentation by Jim Weren, award-winning artist and Civil War researcher. Weren's amazingly detailed and realistic illustrations of the generals are paired with his lively dialog about the men. Test your Civil War IQ, and learn more about the extraordinary acts of these ordinary men. Bring the veterans, history buffs, or artists in your life to this program recognizing National Civil War Month.

BUTTERFLIES IN YOUR GARDEN

Thursday, May 15
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Come to the library to discover the many ways to attract butterflies to your garden. Learn about the butterfly life cycle, migration habits, and plant preferences in this slide show lecture by Pat Miller of the University of Illinois Extension Program.

WOMEN'S SELF DEFENSE WORKSHOP

Saturday, May 17
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Patrick Collins, a retired Chicago Police Academy Instructor and certified Personal Trainer will show women how to defend themselves in a three-hour, free workshop at the Library. The program will include short video segments and a hands-on demonstration of moves against a padded "assailant". Informative, safe, and fun, this workshop is appropriate for all women ages 12 - 80.

HEALTHY FEET. HAPPY FEET

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

Get ready for summer shoes and sandals with this foot care program by Alexian Brothers Hospital.

HOME BUYING SEMINAR

Tuesday, May 20
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Come and join us to see why there has not been a better time to buy a home. You'll learn about the benefits of home ownership and the home buying process during this informative presentation by Jim Graf, Realtor Consultant and Accredited Buyer Representative of RE/MAX All Pro, Drew Wayman of Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, and Rob Colecchi of The Brick Kicker Home Inspections. In this presentation, you will learn about the five myths preventing home ownership, affordable home options in the Bloomingdale area, and information about financing options and home inspections.

ANTIQUES APPRAISAL

Tuesday, June 10
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Wondering what your family heirlooms are worth? Is PBS's *Antiques Roadshow* a favorite television program of yours? Have one of your favorite antique items appraised by Rex Newell of Rex's Antiques, or just come and watch the process. Mr. Newell will give you tips on how to identify and authenticate antiques. The first forty people to sign up can have one item appraised at no cost, but please do not bring in items that require heavy lifting. Who knows what treasures we have in our houses? Come to the library to find out.

**LIBRARY TOUR AND ORIENTATION**

Saturday, April 5 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, May 3 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.



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS



We are looking for a few good men (and women!). The book discussion groups always welcome new members. If you are looking for a community of people with whom to share your love of reading, our book discussion groups are for you. Copies of our current book selections are available for checkout at the Circulation Desk.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

For your convenience, the Adult group holds a morning and an evening session. Our upcoming selections are as follows:

Wednesday, April 16 at 10:00 a.m. and
Thursday, April 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Life of Pi
by Yann Martel

Wednesday, May 14 at 10:00 a.m. and
Thursday, May 15 at 7:30 p.m.

An Unfinished Season
by Ward Just

Wednesday, June 18 at 10:00 a.m. and
Thursday, June 19 at 7:30 p.m.

The Great Gatsby
by F. Scott Fitzgerald

HISTORICAL BOOK DISCUSSION

The historical book group meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. Book selections for April and May are as follows:

Tuesday, April 8 (note date change)
Warren G. Harding
by John W. Dean

Tuesday, May 6
Event
by David Lynn Golemon

Tuesday, June 3
*Always Magic in the Air: The Bomp and
Brilliance of the Brill Building Era*
by Ken Emerson

MYSTERY MAVENS

Join fellow mystery fans for an illuminating discussion of mysteries at the *Bloomington Mystery Mavens* book talk group. 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. This brand new group will be meeting in May, but the exact date is a mystery! Please call the Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730 to get all the gory details and let us know that you are coming.

FEDERAL AND STATE TAX FORMS ARE STILL AVAILABLE

The library still 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 at the Reference Desk. If you would like to download forms from your home computer, the websites are as follows:

Federal - www.irs.gov
State - www.revenue.state.il.us

ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP

Wednesday, April 9 and
Wednesday, April 23

Wednesday, May 14 and
Wednesday, May 28

Wednesday, June 11 and
Wednesday, June 25

12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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. For more information, call Julie Keating at (630) 924-2733.

IN OBSERVANCE OF
MEMORIAL DAY,
THE LIBRARY WILL BE
CLOSED ON
MONDAY, MAY 26TH

MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE

The Bloomington Historical Society, the Bloomington Public Library, and the Village of Bloomington will again sponsor the annual Memorial Day Remembrance program on Monday, May 28, 2008. The observance will be held at the St. Paul Cemetery on Lake Street in Bloomington at 9:30 a.m.

This gathering is to honor men and women who have served our country, and a special invitation is made to all veterans in our community. The placing of flags, taps, and a gun salute by VFW Post 7539 will be part of the program, as well as special patriotic music performed by the a cappella Ensemble of the Spirit of Life Chorus. Limited seating is available, so please bring lawn chairs, and remember your umbrellas if the weather appears unpleasant.

If you have questions, please call (630) 529-3120 ext. 2801.



**COMPUTER PROGRAMS****PLEASE NOTE:**

Computer class registration will begin on Monday, March 31, 2008 in the Business Office of the Library. 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 contact a staff member in the Business Office at (630) 924-2720 if you have any additional questions about registering for computer classes.

INTRODUCTION TO THE PERSONAL COMPUTER

Tuesday, April 8 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Those with little or no knowledge of computers will benefit from this class. Skills and techniques to perform basic functional operations with a computer will be covered. Through hands on practice and extensive examples students will become more comfortable using computers.

WINDOWS® FOR BEGINNERS

Tuesday, April 15 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

This class will provide a basic understanding of how to use Windows®. Topics such as using the desktop, manipulating Windows®, and understanding files will be covered. This class is intended for those with little to no knowledge of computers.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR COMPUTER 3

Wednesday, April 16 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

The final Understanding Your Computer class will cover more advanced hardware topics. Learning to install, remove, and update components of the computer will be covered as well as understanding the basics of how they work. Understanding device drivers and why they're important will be covered.

USING POWER POINT®

Tuesday, April 22 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Chris

Power Point® can be used to create slides, overheads, audience handouts or on-screen presentations. This class will cover the basics of creating and organizing a presentation.

BASIC HTML

Wednesday, April 23 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

In this course we'll learn how to create basic web pages using HTML code. We will cover basic topics like inserting text, links, pictures, and background colors; as well as more advanced design topics, as time allows. While the library does not provide a location on the internet for students to post their web page, they will learn the skills required to develop one. This class is intended to be introductory but some internet experience may help to understand topics discussed.

USING POWER POINT 2®

Tuesday, April 29 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Chris

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

CREATING A WEB SITE

Wednesday, April 30 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

This class will pick up where Basic HTML left off. It will teach students how to acquire web space online, transfer their files to the Internet, weave together multiple pages to make their web sites more efficient and easier to understand, and cover more advanced HTML topics more thoroughly.

USING THE INTERNET

Monday, May 5 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Instructor: Chris

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

USING EMAIL

Tuesday, May 6 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

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

INTRODUCTION TO EXCEL

Wednesday, May 7 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

This class will cover the basic concepts creating and using spreadsheets. Entering text and numbers, formatting spreadsheets, sorting data, using filters, and basic formulas and functions will all be discussed.

USING THE INTERNET 2

Monday, May 12 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Instructor: Chris

In Using the Internet 2, we will add to and expand on the topics covered in Using the Internet. Areas such as browser options, adding links, downloading, advanced searching, high speed Internet access, and more will be covered.

USING EMAIL 2

Tuesday, May 13 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

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

INTERMEDIATE EXCEL®

Wednesday, May 14 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

This class covers more advanced topics in Excel such as formulas, graphs and linking between multiple worksheets.

HOW TO BUY A COMPUTER

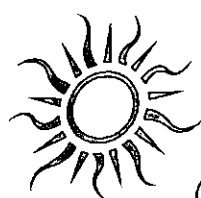
Monday, May 19 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Instructor: Chris

This class provides an introduction to the language of computers, the parts involved, the numbers associated with those parts, and all the other information involved in making an informed decision about buying the right computer. Intended for students at all levels of comfort with computers.

ADVANCED EXCEL®

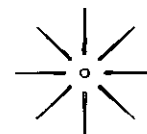
Wednesday, May 21 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

This class will provide a deeper investigation of Excel® topics introduced in the Intermediate Excel course, as well as examining other functions provided by Excel®.

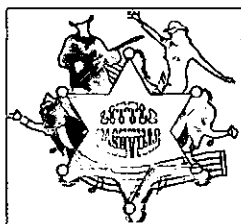
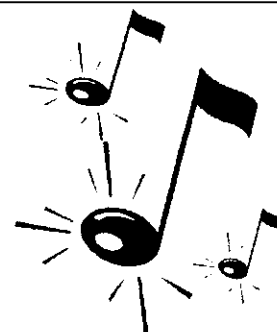


Back by popular demand . . . Sunshine Serenades!

Sponsored by the Village of Bloomington
and the Bloomington Public Library



3rd Friday of
June, July and August
from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.



Friday, June 20 from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Featuring - Little Nashville

Please join us for the kick-off of our summer gazebo concert series with Little Nashville! Little Nashville is an award-winning, high energy, family show with a southern flair. This concert will appeal to kids of all ages! Wear a cowboy hat to this concert and receive a free gift! Please check in at the Library's pop-up tent. Old Neighborhood Hot Dogs will be selling hot dogs and chips. The Friends of the Library will be selling pop, water, and frozen novelties. Please join us!



Friday, July 18 from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Featuring - The Joan Hammel Band

Joan Hammel is an award-winning entertainer who has entertained troops for the USO, performed in Las Vegas, and has appeared in various theatre productions, commercials, movies and print ads. Ms. Hammel performs a variety of pop and original music. This is a family friendly show, kids of all ages are welcome and encouraged to attend! Wear your favorite patriotic shirt and receive a free gift! Please check in at the Library's pop-up tent. Old Neighborhood Hot Dogs will be selling hot dogs and chips. The Friends of the Library will be selling pop, water, and frozen novelties.



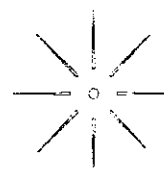
Friday, August 15 from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Featuring - The Midway Ramblers

Showcasing the musical styles of Cajun, Zydeco and Louisiana Blues! This entertaining group will play such instruments as the fiddle, button accordion, triangle, and even a rubboard! Wear or bring a Mardi Gras mask to receive a free gift! Please check in at the Library's pop-up tent. Old Neighborhood Hot Dogs will be selling hot dogs and chips. The Friends of the Library will be selling pop, water, and frozen novelties. See you then!

Each concert will be held at Founders Park Gazebo, located in front of the Library at 101 Fairfield Way in Bloomington on the above dates from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. For more information, please call the Business Office of the Library at (630) 924-2720. Please note: concerts will be held rain or shine.

Attend all three concerts and be eligible to enter the grand prize drawing for a \$50.00 Stratford Mall Gift Certificate! Winner must be present to win.



Where recreation revolves around you!

April-May08

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 Bloomingdale 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)

ARBORETUM AND NAPERVILLE TRIP

The Acom Express is always a fun way to see the ever-changing landscape of the Morton Arboretum. This one-hour narrated tour is similar to the All About Tour, but is conducted on the Arboretum's Acom Express open-air tram. You can feel the gentle breeze as you slowly wind your way through their stunning landscapes.

Seating is reserved for you on their regularly scheduled tram. We will also enjoy a relaxing walk and see the great variety of plants (and possibly animals) in and out of Meadow Lake. The walk is about 45-60 minutes long. After the walking tour, we will head to Downtown Naperville for some shopping time. Park District supervisors will be present but participants will be shopping on their own. Participants can choose to have lunch on their own time.

Location: JRC Parking Lot

MIN/MAX: 5/15

Instructor: Staff

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee
Adult	F	09:30 - 04:30P	06/27	\$30/35

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403241 - A1 Registration Deadline is June 16, 2008.

South Shore Gems

This fascinating About Tours trip will focus on several structures that define Chicago's lake shore and are intertwined with its history. You will tour historic Soldier Field, which recently completed a multi-million dollar renovation. You will see the visiting team locker room, the sky boxes, and Grand Concourse and learn about the controversy surrounding the construction. Then you will travel down the lakefront of the South Shore Cultural Center, which was established as South Shore Country Club in 1906. The Mediterranean style building overlooks Lake Michigan, with grand views and extensive grounds. You will also have a delicious lunch at the Weathermark Tavern. You will visit St. Michael Church, the largest parish in the South Chicago community. Built in the gothic style, this parish was founded to serve Polish Catholics who lived nearby. The stained glass windows, imported from Germany, are stunning and the church is filled with exceptional wood carvings and art.

Location: JRC Parking Lot

Instructor: Staff

MIN/MAX: 20/40

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	W	08:30-03:30P	05/07-05/07	\$81/86	203239-A1

Registration Deadline is April 15, 2008.

Cubs Trip

Join us on a trip to see the Chicago Cubs take on the San Diego Padres for a May 14 evening game at beautiful Wrigley Field. Participants 17 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Fee includes ticket and transportation. Seats: Terrace Reserved Outfield

Location: JRC Parking Lot

Instructor: Staff

MIN/MAX: 30/40

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	W	04:30 - 10:30P	05/14	\$36/41	403219-A1

Registration Deadline is May 7, 2008.

HARRAH'S JOLIET CASINO & LUNCH

Come join us for a day of fun at Harrah's Joliet Casino! Once we arrive at the casino, we start the day with a wonderful lunch buffet where you can enjoy tasty soups, salads, chicken, pastas, desserts, and much more! After lunch, you can enjoy the rest of the day with your closest friends! Fee includes transportation and buffet.

Registration Deadline is April 16, 2008.

Location: JRC Parking Lot

Instructor: Staff

MIN/MAX: 20/40

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	F	09:30-04:30P	05/02-05/02	\$40/45	203234-A1

YOUTH PROGRAMS



2008-2009 Preschool Year REGISTRATION GOING ON NOW!

Curtain Call Kids

Want to know what goes on behind the scenes? Do you love to hear the sound of applause? If so, then Curtain Call Kids is for you! Participants will prepare a set, design a wardrobe, and act in a short play or skit. Young actors will develop their acting skills throughout the session through role-playing and character development, basic stage direction, vocal and facial expression, movement, and spatial awareness will be introduced. Participants will be asked to bring supplies from home to use as props and costumes. Family and friends will be invited to the last class for a Curtain Call production!

Location: Meacham Room

Instructor: Becky Melman

MIN/MAX: 7/12

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
6-8	W	06:15-07:00P	04/09-05/21	\$38/48	202638-B1
9-12	W	07:15-08:00P	04/09-05/21	\$38/48	202638-B2

Pitch Hit & Run

Come compete in a local Pitch, Hit & Run competition. Local Champions advance to Sectional Competitions in the area. Top performers at the Sectionals become eligible to advance to Team Championships hosted by Major League Baseball teams at Major League Parks! Team Championship finalists receive an all-expense paid trip to the National Finals. The National Finals will occur during All-Star week.

Age as of July 17, 2008. **Entry fee is waived if participants pre-register at the Bloomingdale Park District office prior to May 2, 2008.**

Location: Springfield Park

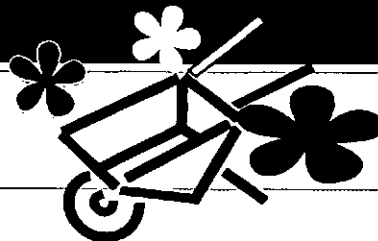
Instructor: Staff

MIN/MAX: 8/20

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
7-8	Su	01:00-01:00P	05/04	\$10/10	402336-A1
9-10	Su	01:30-01:30P	05/04	\$10/10	402336-A2
11-12	Su	02:00-02:00P	05/04	\$10/10	402336-A3
13-14	Su	02:30-02:30P	05/04	\$10/10	402336-A4

Bloomingdale Barracuda Swim & Dive Team

This summer swim and dive team is a competitive program for children 5-18 years old. The program promotes a healthy lifestyle including skill development, fitness, friendly competition, teamwork, and lots of fun!



Munchkin Garden Club

This Garden Club will have fun by decorating their own flowering pot and planting flowers with their very own gardening tools. Registration deadline is April 24.



Location: Goodwin-Sedgwick Rm.

Instructor: Sandy Moore

MIN/MAX: 8/12

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
3-6	Sa	10:00-11:30A	05/03-05/03	\$15/20	201114-A1

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

LOCATION: WESTFIELD GYM

TIME: 9:00AM - 4:00PM

AGE: 9-12

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

CODE#: 204304-A1

AGE: 6-8

SATURDAY, MAY 3

CODE#: 204304-B1

COST: RESIDENTS \$100; NON-RESIDENTS \$105
MIN/MAX: 8/20

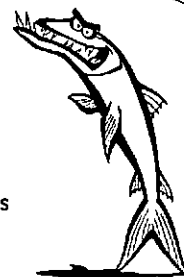
Registration Dates:

Saturday April 12 9am-12pm
Wednesday April 16 6pm-8pm

Location: Johnston Recreation Center

Fees:

	Res/Non-Res
Swim Team	\$100/\$130
Dive Team	\$100/\$130
Both	\$150/\$190





Opening weekend May 31 - June 1

(Opens for season June 7th!)

- 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.

Splash in at the Early Bird Rate!

Thru April 30

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

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

Family Guest Pass

New for Summer 2008! Do you have someone that you want to bring to the pool, but is not part of your immediate family? Then this pass is for you! Whether it is a babysitter who takes your children to the pool, an out of town guest that is staying with you, or a friend who wants to join you for the day, they can use this pass to gain a daily admission into The Oasis. The best part is you may use this non-picture pass for different people throughout the summer. The individual or family pass holder must accompany any person using the guest pass, showing proof that the names on the regular pass and the guest pass match. Only one guest pass may be purchased per individual or family pass.

Early Bird Rate

\$50/70

Regular Rate

\$75/95

NEW!

The Oasis Coupon Book

This option is for those patrons that will be using The Oasis on a limited basis. Save \$1.00 per afternoon admission rate when you purchase a coupon book rather than pay the daily admission rate. Each book has 10 coupons and each coupon is good for one admission into The Oasis. There will be no refunds allotted for unused coupons. Coupons and coupon books are not replaceable. You may purchase coupon books at the JRC or at the front desk of The Oasis during normal hours of operation.

Youth
Adult
Senior

\$40/\$60
\$60/\$80
\$40/\$60

NEW!



The OASIS features:



Cuda Cove:

8-lane Competitive Pool with:

Pineapple Plunge- Make a splash on the drop slide, or dive off the 1-meter & 3-meter diving boards into our 13' diving area!

Mango Bay:

Zero-depth Entry Leisure Pool with:

Palm tree pass: Hop your way across the water walk without taking a plunge!

Typhoon Tunnel:

Dare to try this 110' speed slide pumping 400 gallons of water per minute!

Tropical Twister:

Travel down this 160' open air thrill slide as 800 gallons of water per minute rush by you!

Play features:

Including geysers, sprayers, & spilling buckets!

Otter Island:

Explore this interactive water playground where you can climb, jump, and spray water!

Coconut Cafe:

Featuring pizza, nachos, hot dogs, Slush Puppies, ice-cream, candy, and more!

Bathhouse

Men's, women's, and family locker rooms for your convenience.

RESERVE YOUR POOL OUTING NOW!

The Oasis is available for private group rentals on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings. All rentals include use of the concession tables and deck space.

All attractions are available for rentals on their own (except Pineapple Plunge drop slide), or may be combined as a package. Prices are a la carte.

Detailed information is on the Oasis Private Rental Application, available at the JRC front desk.

Don't forget to ask about our party packages.....



Klub Kiwi Birthday Parties

The Oasis Party Package

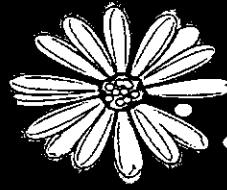


Paddle Boat Parties

Kiwi Party Room Rental



SPECIAL EVENTS



STATEWIDE KITE FLY

Help brighten the skies over Bloomingdale by participating in the Statewide Kite Fly. Bring your own kite, purchase a kite at the Kite Fly, or design and build your own "one of a kind" kite at the Kite Creations Workshop! Young and old are invited. This is a free event; however some attractions will require a fee.

Saturday, April 26

Time: 1:00-3:00pm
Location: Circle Park
Code#: 204604-A1

Pre-registration
is encouraged.



Don't miss this chance to have some good old fashioned fun with your family. The Kite Fly will feature a variety of attractions, including, contests, raffles, kite making, concessions, and of course kite flying.

**KIDS UNDER 12
REGISTER
BEFORE APRIL 23
AND RECEIVE A
FREE KITE!**

The statewide Kite Fly is sponsored by the Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) to raise awareness of the state's Park District Youth License Plate "Flying 4 Kids" program. Information about the license plate "Flying 4 Kids" program will be available the day of the event.

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, April 25:
Meet the Robinsons - G**

**Friday, May 23:
Surfs Up - G**

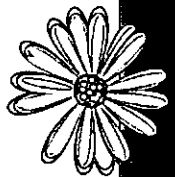
**\$2 per person
at JRC - 7pm**

Mom & Son Sock Hop

Moms, throw your hair in a pony tail and roll up those jeans for a night of non-stop fun with your little greaser boys.



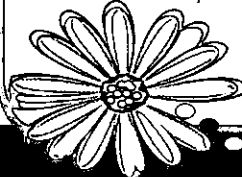
Moms and sons will have a blast rockin' and rollin' to hits of the 50's and 60's, presented by our DJ. Couples will also enjoy burgers, fries and other tasty treats while trying their luck at games and raffles. Moms and sons will get their photo taken as a memento of this special time together. The fun doesn't stop til you drop! Additional sons are \$13.



SATURDAY, APRIL 19

TIME: 6:30PM - 8:30 PM LOCATION: JRC GYM
COST: RESIDENTS \$25; NON-RESIDENTS \$30
CODE#: 204303-A1

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(l to r) Susan Lancaster, Park District Commissioner, chats with her mother and former Mayor Viola Morrisroe and Historical Society President Bonnie Homola.



Trustee Jim King admires the historic photographs donated to the Bloomingdale Historical Society by Old Town Bank and Trust.



Mayor Iden shares a story with Chamber Past President Bob Allen and Old Town Bank & Trust President Christine Smith.

Chamber Open House

The Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce hosted an open house at the newly renovated schoolhouse in February. In attendance were chamber members and local business people, Village of Bloomingdale officials, representatives of School District 13, members of the Bloomingdale Historical Society and other community members.



Chamber members Lea Jackman of WDSRA and Liana Mirea of ACRE, Inc unveiled the new Chamber logo.

The 1894 school house is the new home of the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce offices. In recognition of the historical significance of the building, the Bloomingdale Historical Society will have a display in the foyer, as well as some historic photographs on the wall.

(Photographs courtesy of Jeremiah Jackson of Moments in Time)

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