

Village of Bloomingdale Almanac

OCTOBER 2008

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From the Desk of

Mayor Bob Iden

Looking at the picture below, many residents will be reminded of the flood of August, 1987. Unfortunately these are from the weekend of September 13-14, 2008. There are several similarities in the two rainfall incidents. Both were, of course, record storms.

In 1987 we had 13 inches of rain in 36 hours. In September we had 10.34 inches in 72 hours. It might sound like less, but in this case, the last 7 inches fell within a 12-hour period. You may have heard the terms "100-year" and "500-year" storm. A 100-year storm is considered 7.54 inches of rain in 24 hours (the increment of inches in that definition was raised after 1987). The probability of any storm reaching that status in any given year is 1 in 100.

Bloomingdale is actually the highest point in DuPage County and we are at the top of three watersheds - the East Branch of the DuPage River, the West Branch of the DuPage River (Klein Creek is a tributary to this) and Salt Creek (Spring Brook is a tributary to this). Despite our enviable high elevation, we have "saucers on the top of the hill."

We have many detention and retention facilities located throughout the Village. A detention area is normally dry and is used to collect, detain and slowly release storm runoff from heavy rains to minimize downstream flooding. A retention pond always has water up to a 'normal' level, but many retention ponds have room above the normal elevation to detain runoff during heavy rainfall which is also slowly released.

Modern storm drainage systems - the sewer collection, overland routes, and detention/retention facilities - are typically designed to accommodate a 100-year storm. When a storm, or several sequential storms, exceed these design parameters, the storm sewers reach full capacity and the detention/retention facilities fill to capacity and overflow. This excess runoff seeks "overland" routes, or stages in pools of water over the storm sewer system until the route to the receiving stream has drained.

During the recent September storms, the retention pond at Springbrook Shopping Center spilled over Lake Street into Circle Center as the water flowed north trying to empty into Spring Brook (a tributary of Salt Creek) behind Dunkin' Donuts. (See photo below) Likewise, the rainwater flowed northward over land across Schick Road trying to reach the same creek. With seven inches of rain in 12 hours Saturday and Sunday on top of over 3-inches of rain on Friday, the storm drainage system capacity was exceeded.

Despite the flooding that occurred in some Village subdivisions, the local and regional storm drainage systems - storm sewers, detention/ retention facilities and pumping systems; and the Village sanitary sewer collection and treatment system - were working throughout the event. The volume of excess (con't on page 3)



Taken from the south side of Lake Street looking north at Circle Center on Saturday, September 13. Note the individual who almost disappears from sight near the buildings.

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*

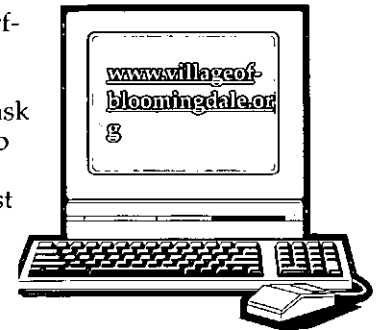
Jim King

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

electronic message, our website address is:
www.villageofbloomingdale.org



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

Septemberfest 2008 Scholarship Winners



Mayor Iden with three of the four Septemberfest scholarship winners (l to r) Joseph Zanghi, Nicole Lomotan and Natalie Zeitoun. Not pictured: Michael Hannigan.

Mayor's Column (continued from page 1)

storm water exceeded the capacity of these systems.

We know this has been a trying couple of months for both residents and businesses. Our employees were out during these torrential rains trying to help where possible. Even Village facilities were affected as the East Branch of the DuPage backed-up into the sewage treatment plant on Glen Ellyn Road, and a part of the lower level of the Village Hall, as well as a stairwell to the lower level of the Police Building flooded due to heavy seepage. The recovery continues throughout the Village.

We are continually evaluating measures to improve the storm and sanitary drainage systems in the Village both locally and on a regional basis in conjunction with DuPage County and other agencies. For example several of the measures were put in place after the 1987 deluge, including the Lake Street Reservoir east of Glen Ellyn Road (a regional retention facility), and the gravity outfall sewer constructed to evacuate storm water from Lake Illini in the Indian Lakes Subdivision to supplement the then existing pump stations. There were all effective in alleviating the extent of flooding during this event. The current nearly \$12 million dollar project at the sewage treatment on Glen Ellyn Road also has a large tank structure to collect and treat the excess wet weather flows. The evaluation of these storm and sanitary systems both locally and regionally is an on-going process to which we are committed.

We have information on p. 6 and 7 regarding sump pump connection concerns and a sanitary sewer service grant program, as well as suggestions for hiring reputable contractors for repairs you may need.

Mayor Bob Iden

An Historical Gift

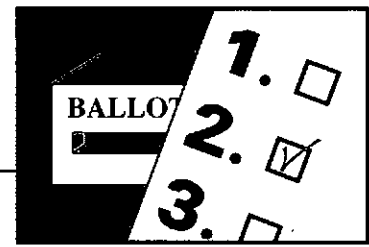
If you're getting ready to make out your Christmas list, consider giving the story of Bloomingdale with the book written earlier this year by the Bloomingdale Historical Society and published by Arcadia.

The history of Bloomingdale, as told entirely through photographs and captions, makes a unique and very affordable gift for anyone who has grown up or raised a family here. Covering the period from 1833 through 1983, *Images of America - Bloomingdale*, depicts the amazing transformation of Bloomingdale over a mere 150 years. Historic views of current areas and structures are featured, as well as many pictures of friends & neighbors from the past.

The book is available at the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way and the Bloomingdale Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road for \$19.99. You may have your gift autographed with a personal note by calling the library at 630-924-2765 or the Village at 630-671-5600.



The year was 1944 and Mary Ann Kowalczyk Zidek, like many young wives and mothers during WWII, celebrated Christmas without her husband who was at the Battle of the Bulge when this photograph was taken. Her one-month old son, Emil Zidek II, is in her arms.



Dates to Remember

October 7

Last day to register to vote (available at the Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road and the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way)

October 8-22

Grace period for registration only at the County Office of Election Commission, 421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton

October 13

Early voting begins -- DuPage County residents may vote early at any designated place in DuPage County. Bloomingdale Township, 123 Rosedale and Stratford Square Mall, outside of Macy's, upper level Entrance 4 -- closest locations. Go to www.dupage-elections.com or call 630-407-5600 for hours or more information.

October 30

Last day of early voting

Absentee Ballots

Call DuPage County Election Commission at 630-407-5600 regarding absentee ballots.

November 4

Regular Election Day. Polls are open from 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Call 630-407-5600 if you are unsure of your polling place.

Before winter arrives . . .

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

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



PLEASE NOTE: The price of salt has tripled since last year. As a result, the Village of Bloomingdale is going to have to use its salt supply conservatively this season to ensure we will have enough in the event of another very snowy winter. More information on this will appear in the December Almanac.

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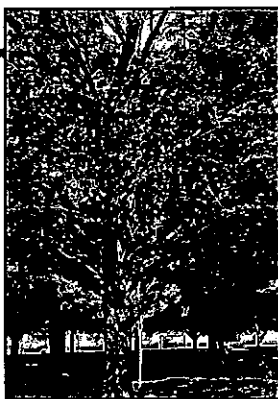
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671-5600



Autumn Blaze Maple

2009 Tree Planting Planting Program

The Village Board has again allocated funds for this very successful program which was started in 1982. For the 10th year, additional funds have been included for business/commercial properties. The program provides trees, including planting, at a 50/50 cost sharing with the Village. The trees will be planted next Spring and are available for street parkways, residential front yards and business/school/commercial properties. Business/school/commercial properties that wish to participate should contact Jim Johnson, Urban Forester, at 630-671-5804.

The following are the guidelines of the program:

- ☐ Since the budget is limited, the program will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Requests should be submitted by December 1, 2008. No payment is required at this time. Bills will be sent about February 1, 2009.
- ☐ Trees will be 2 1/2 inch caliper, unless stated otherwise. Trees will be quality nursery stock but not specimen plants.
- ☐ The Village reserves the right to disapprove requests based on conflicts, safety, or proper spacing.
- ☐ Removal of dead trees, stumps and/or large roots is not included and must be performed by participants before March 15th.
- ☐ Each residential parcel will be limited to two trees per year. Each business/commercial property will be limited to four trees per year.
- ☐ Participants will be given the opportunity to mark the desired location for the tree; however, the Village retains the right to change the location, if necessary.
- ☐ We anticipate the cost of 2 1/2" caliper trees to be between \$250 and \$350 each, with the Village paying half of the amount.



Greenspire Linden



Autumn Flowering Cherry

- ☐ Trees will be guaranteed for one year. Participants are responsible for all watering which will be described in instructions furnished by the Village.
- ☐ For trees to be planted in the public parkway, this application will serve as the permit requirements of the ordinance regulating trees on public areas.

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

2009 Tree Planting Program — Residential Request Form

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

PLANTING ADDRESS: _____

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

PARKWAY

_____ Autumn Flowering Cherry (*Prunus subhirtella autumnalis*)

This ornamental cherry tree bursts into bloom in the springtime with light pink flowers, but what makes this tree unique is that it may surprise you with a repeat bloom in the fall. It thrives in full/partial sun, and has good drought tolerance. Matures to a height of 20' to 40', and a width of 15' to 25'.

_____ Autumn Blaze Maple (*Acer x freemanii* 'Autumn Blaze')

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

_____ Chinkapin Oak (*Quercus muehlenbergii*)

A medium to large size oak with 4" to 6½" glistening dark leaves in summer turning yellow-orange/brown in fall. It produces 1" acorns. As this species matures, it becomes a magnificent specimen. Grows 40' to 50' high with a similar spread. Adapts to different soil types..

_____ Greenspire™ Linden (*Tilia cordata* 'Greenspire')

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



Chinkapin Oak

FRONT YARD

_____ Autumn Flowering Cherry

_____ Autumn Blaze Maple

_____ Chinkapin Oak

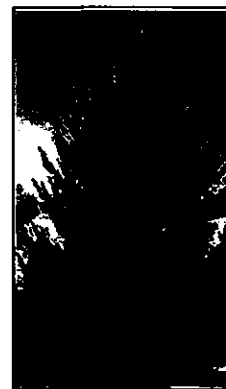
_____ Greenspire™ Linden

_____ Douglas Fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*)

A great tree for the northern states, it is tall, airy, spirelike and soft-textured. Douglas Fir grows 40'-80' tall and 12'-20' wide in maturity.

_____ Prairifire Crabapple (*Malus* 'Prairifire')

This appealing tree is red-budded, with dark pinkish-red blooms in the spring, and colorful foliage in the fall. Birds devour its small, glossy dark red fruit. It is highly resistant to disease. It matures to a height of 20' and a width of 20', with a rounded growth habit.



Douglas Fir



Prairifire Crabapple

DELIVER OR SEND TO:
DEPARTMENT OF VILLAGE SERVICES, BLOOMINGDALE VILLAGE HALL
201 S. BLOOMINGDALE ROAD, BLOOMINGDALE, IL 60108
Deadline is December 1, 2008

Following the significant rains of September 12 - 14, the Village provides the following information, originally published in the 2006 Fall Almanac.

Flooding occurs in low-lying areas when large storms drop more precipitation than the storm drainage systems can drain away. Flooding is most likely to occur in areas delineated as floodplains on the Federal Emergency Management Agency Maps (FEMA). These maps can be viewed at the Village Hall, Engineering Division or on-line at www.msc.fema.gov.

Flooding is also sometimes due to blocked storm inlets or blocked storm sewers. If this is the case you can call Public Works at 630-671-5800 or the Police Department at 630-529-9868. In some instances, buildings located near the floodplains are susceptible to flooding from rising water in streams, ponds or lakes. Other flooding may be caused by sanitary sewer system backups during heavy rains. In this case call the Utilities Division at 630-671-5830 or the Police Department at 630-529-9868.

Village Services provides some tips to help alleviate potential problems.

- ☐ Make sure the sump pump is working properly and is large enough. Many times smaller pumps or older pumps cannot handle large amounts of water which results in sump pits overflowing.
- ☐ Sump pumps should be connected to a backup source of power such as a battery or generator in case of an electricity failure. Make sure the pump and sump-pit are clear of debris.
- ☐ The sump pump or other foundation drains should NOT be connected to the sanitary sewer. If this connection is made it will cause the sanitary drains (toilets, sinks, basement floor drain, etc.) to backup during heavy rains. This may also cause an overload in the main lines and contribute to backups to your home and neighboring homes.
- ☐ To prevent leakage from basement window wells, installing new windows or glass block windows should help solve the problem. However, homeowners should check with Building and Zoning Division to make sure they are following proper building codes to maintain escape exits and ventilation requirements.
- ☐ While some landscaping may prevent flooding for homeowners, it might also cause their neighbor's property or home to flood. Landscaping, fences and other obstacles are usually to blame for blocking the designed overland flow routes. When performing such work on your property be aware of, be careful not to alter, the drainage patterns in your yard.
- ☐ Waterproof cracks around pipes in basements from the outside or inside to prevent seepage. This can be done in some minor cases by the homeowner, or by a waterproofing contractor.
- ☐ Most homeowners' insurance policies do not cover property for flood damage. Homeowners should check with their insurance company for proper flood coverage.



Village Offers 50/50 Sanitary Programs

Sanitary Sewer Service Cleanout Reimbursement Program

Homeowners experiencing problems, such as root intrusion or other blockages, may benefit from this program to assist in maintaining the sanitary sewer service line. This program reimburses fifty percent of the homeowners cost up to \$500.00 to install a full size private sanitary service line cleanout outside the building. An outside cleanout will allow full access to maintain the service line.

Sanitary Sewer Service Grant Program

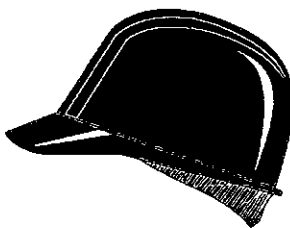
Some homes are subject to basement back-ups because sanitary service lines exit the basement below the floor level; closer to the elevation of the Village mainline sanitary sewer. During rainstorms, storm runoff inflows and infiltrates into the Village sanitary sewer which may cause the mainline sanitary sewer to surcharge causing sanitary sewerage to back-up into the home. Overhead sewers, gate valves and flap valve installations or combinations of these, with pumped discharge capabilities for the basement level of the home, significantly reduce the frequency of back-ups. Retrofitting home sanitary plumbing systems is expensive which discourages many homeowners from taking necessary corrective actions.

The Village Sanitary Sewer Service Grant Program provides homeowners a one time 50/50 reimbursement in the amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the installation of overhead sewers to mitigate the potential of sanitary sewer backups in basements.

If you are interested in either of these programs or would like to obtain a grant application packet, please contact the Village Services Department – Utilities Division at 630-671-5690.

Read This Before You Hire A Sewer Contractor

Following the experiences many residents have had with recent tornado and/or flooding damage, we offer the following suggestions for hiring a contractor. 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 are they 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 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.

For information on Codes and Permits, the Building & Zoning Division can be reached at 630-671-5660 or go to www.villageofbloomingdale.org, then Quick Links "Building & Engineering."

Radon: Got It?

Fall is a good time to check your home for radon. Radon is an indoor air pollutant; it is a colorless, odorless radioactive gas that comes from the soil.

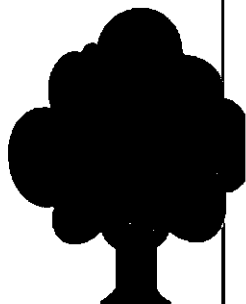
The only way to tell if you have radon is to test. For non-smokers, radon is the first leading cause of lung cancer. Fortunately, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Radon Program is offering free radon test kits.

By logging onto www.radon.illinois.gov you can request a free test kit. You can also call the toll free number at 1-800-325-1245.

Taking care of the radon issue is one way to achieve a healthy indoor air environment for you and your family.

2008 Fall Branch Collection Program Begins October 20

The one-week fall branch collection will be conducted by Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. under the direction of the Village Forestry Division beginning on Monday, October 20th. The program is only available to single family detached residences. Townhome residents should contact their association regarding branch collection.



BRANCH COLLECTION GUIDELINES:

- ☐ Branches must be out by 7:00 a.m. on Monday, October 20.
- ☐ Woody branches 1/2 inch to 6 inches in diameter are the only items that will be picked up. (Note: any spikes, hooks or other metal objects must be removed).
- ☐ Long lengths are favored provided branches do not block sidewalks and pedestrian access.
- ☐ All branches should be placed at the curb or pavement edge and stacked in an orderly fashion with the cut or larger end towards the pavement.
- ☐ Thorny tree branches should not be concealed inside piles. These require special care as to not cause injuries to the workers.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE UNACCEPTABLE:

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



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

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

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

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



Branches should be stacked like this . . .



. . . NOT like this.

THE BLOOMINGDALE



BUSINESS BEAT

The Business Beat features news about businesses - newly opened ones, those under construction and those who have something special to tell the residents about - awards won, charitable fundraisers hosted, recent major remodels, etc. Retail businesses provide a significant part of the Village's tax base. Supporting them helps keep your Village portion of your property tax bill low.

Remember - BUY IN BLOOMINGDALE.

BUSINESS NEWS

NEW COURSE AND DRIVING RANGE: The Hilton Chicago/Indian Lakes Resort Driving Range is now open! Be sure to visit the brand-new driving range and hit a bucket of balls. Driving Range hours of operation are seasonal and typically run 30 minutes before the first available tee time until 30 minutes before sunset. Please call the Pro Shop at 630-529-0200 ext. 6752 for exact hours of operation.

In addition, the signature "Island Course" is now complete, bringing a total of 27 holes of championship golf to the Hilton Chicago/Indian Lakes Resort. The new nine holes offer a 155-yard par 3 with an island green, and a 615-yard par 5 with an elevated green. The course was designed by renowned golf architect Rick Jacobson, who also designed the previous Blackhawk Trace course. The three nine-hole courses can now be rotated differently, offering up to six different golf course options to play 18 holes. For more information or to make a tee time, visit www.GolfIndianLakes.com, or call the Pro Shop directly at 630-529-0200 ext. 6752.

CHIROPRACTOR DR. BRIDGET HORAN EARNS BOARD CERTIFIED PEDIATRIC DIPLOMATE:

Dr. Bridget Horan Anaya of Family Chiropractic Center, Ltd. earned a Board Certified Pediatric Diplomate with the International Chiropractic Pediatric Association from the Council of Chiropractic Pediatrics in the Academy of Chiropractic Family Practice earlier this year. In addition to running her family practice in Bloomingdale, Dr. Horan spent three years of continuous education in advanced training emphasizing clinical excellence and practical application of the pediatric and pregnant population. While her focus has always been on the entire family, expectant mothers and children can benefit even more now from her additional specialization in their special needs. Diplomate status is the highest level a chiropractor can receive in a specialized field. She also has received certifications in acupuncture and cranial sacral therapy. Dr. Horan can be reached at 630-539-6705.



On hand for the ribbon cutting of the "Island Course" in August were (l to r) George Randazzo, Italian-American Sports Hall of Fame, Mayor Bob Iden, Hall of Famer Tommy LaSorda, Bob Habeeb, president & CEO of First Hospitality and professional golfer Mike Piazza.

SHIRAZ ON THE WATER: Hilton Chicago/Indian Lakes Resort is proud to announce the opening of a brand-new dining establishment, Shiraz on the Water. Shiraz on the Water offers contemporary American cuisine in an elegant setting overlooking the water. The menu offers a wide array of classic and contemporary recipes, including a "Lobster Corndog" and a mouth-watering Tallgrass Steak.

Plus, the restaurant offers over 1,000 wine varieties, including wine by the glass and wine flights. Wine classes and dinners will also be offered twice per month in addition to regular dining Monday through Sunday from 5pm - 10pm, and the return of Sunday brunch from 10am - 3pm. Reservations are strongly recommended, and can be made by calling 630-671-5013.

Is Your Child Safe When Traveling in a Vehicle?

While the misuse rate for child restraint seats has declined, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) still indicates approximately 80% of child seats are incorrectly installed.

We can improve our child's safety when riding in a vehicle by placing them in the proper restraint for their age and/or size. Here are some general guidelines to follow:

General Child Seat Use Information Buckle Everyone. Children Age 12 and Under in Back Seat!			
	AGE/ WEIGHT	SEAT TYPE/ SEAT POSITION	USAGE TIPS
INFANTS	Birth to at least 1 year and at least 20 pounds	Infant-Only or Rear-Facing Convertible <i>Seats should be secured to vehicle by seat belts or by the LATCH system</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NEVER use in a front seat where an air bag is present ● Child seat should recline at approximately a 45 degree angle. ● Harness straps/slots at or below shoulder level ● Harness straps snug on child; harness clip at armpit level
	Less than 1 year/ 20-25 pounds	Rear-Facing Convertible (select one recommended for heavier infants) <i>Seats should be secured to vehicle by seat belts or by the LATCH system</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NEVER use in a front seat where an air bag is present ● Child seat should recline at approximately a 45 degree angle. ● Harness straps/slots at or below shoulder level ● Harness straps snug on child; harness clip at armpit level
PRESCHOOLERS/ TODDLERS	1-4 years/at least 20 pounds to approximately 40 pounds	Forward-Facing Convertible or Forward-Facing Only <i>Seats should be secured to vehicle by seat belts or by the LATCH system</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Harness straps/slots at or above child's shoulders ● Harness straps snug on child; harness clip at armpit level
YOUNG CHILDREN	4 to at least 8 years/unless they are 4'9" (57") tall	Belt-Positioning Booster (no back, base only)/ High-Back Belt-Positioning Booster <i>NEVER use with lap-only belts – belt-positioning boosters are always used with lap AND shoulder belts.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No-back Booster <u>must</u> be used in a rear seat position with head rest. ● All Booster seats are used with adult lap and shoulder belt in rear seat. ● Shoulder belt should rest snugly across chest, rests on shoulder; and should NEVER be placed under the arm or behind the back. ● Lap-belt should rest low, across the lap/upper thigh area – not across the stomach.

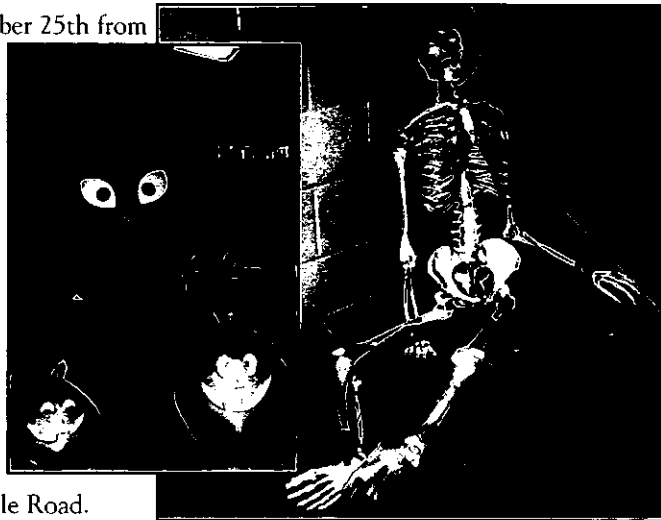
The Bloomington Police Department has Certified Child Safety Seat Technicians and offers free child seat checks to Bloomington residents. These are done by appointment only. Also, Illinois law requires you to secure any child riding in your vehicle under the age of eight in an appropriate Child Seat Restraint. Contact the Police Department at (630) 529-9868 for more information. Additional child seat guidelines, information, and a list of Carseat Checkup Events are listed at www.car-safety.org and www.nhtsa.org

Remember . . . Buckle Up – Every One – Every Time!

Have a 'Hauntingly' Good Time at Police And Fire Open House on October 25

On Saturday, October 25th from

10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., both Bloomingdale Police and Fire departments will conduct building tours with a Halloween theme at their respective buildings: Police, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road (around the back) and Fire, 179 S. Bloomingdale Road.



Activities & games provided by our Police, Fire and Park District personnel. Refreshments will be served. Children are encouraged to wear their costumes for Trick or Treating. (Children under 10 years old need to be accompanied by an adult).

Child Safety Seat Checks will be conducted from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Note: Anyone interested in this service should contact the Police Department at (630-529-9868) for an appointment prior to the event.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Officer Dawn Odoi at 630-529-9868.

Bring the Kids and the Costumes for More Halloween Fun at the Library on October 25

The Board and Staff of the Bloomingdale Public Library invite everyone to attend the 20th Annual Halloween Party to be held at the library, located at 101 Fairfield Way on Saturday, October 25, 2008 from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. Children are encouraged to wear costumes.

Free games, refreshments and storytelling will be offered and tickets (required for all games) will be handed out from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. This event is free and will be held outside under a tent, rain or shine. Snapshot photos will be available on-site for \$1.00 each.

The event is sponsored by the Bloomingdale Public Library, The Friends of the Library and the Village of Bloomingdale.

For more information, please call the Youth Services Department of the Bloomingdale Public Library at (630) 924-2740.

Calling All Ghosts and Goblins!

After Trick or Treating, the Bloomingdale Park District invites youngsters, preschool through 6th grade, to attend its Halloween Happening on Friday, October 31 from 6:30 - 9 p.m. See details on the park's pages in this Almanac, on p. 3 of the park's brochure or on the park's website www.bloomingtondaleparks.org

Keep Your Trick or Treaters Safe & Happy This Halloween

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

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

WELCOME
Bloomingdale is a
CRIME WATCH
COMMUNITY



We immediately report
all suspicious activities
to our police department



EVENTS

Chocolate

Discover a new passion for chocolate during the ultimate epicurean chocolate experience at the October 9 meeting of the Bloomingdale Women's Club. You will have the opportunity to taste samples of diverse couverture chocolates from select parts of the world, while Pam Vieau from Chocolate Inspirations in Roselle will explain answers to most often asked questions.

Are you wondering if chocolate really has health benefits?
What in chocolate provides the most health benefits?
What is considered a premium chocolate?

Have a chocolate question? The Bloomingdale Women's Club meets the 2nd Thursday of each month, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the 2nd floor Community Room at Sunrise Assisted Living, 129 E. Lake St. (across from Portillo's). For more information contact Maureen at 630-539-1674.

Habitat for Humanity Taking Applications on October 18

DuPage Habitat for Humanity announces its next home ownership application session at St. Isidore Catholic Church, corner of Army Trail Road & Gary Avenue on Saturday, October 18 from 10 a.m. to Noon. For more information visit www.dupagehabitat.org or call 630-510-3737.

Come to 'Oktoberfest' on October 2

Bloomingdale School District 13 Education Foundation is sponsoring a beer and wine tasting event to raise money for programs that benefit the children of District 13. "Oktoberfest" takes place on Thursday, October 2 from 6:30 – 9 p.m. at Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road. Come sample, as well as purchase a variety of wines and beers. Hors d'oeuvres will be served. Tickets are \$50 and are tax deductible. Call Mike at 630-894-8500 or email ticketssales@chicagolegal.com for tickets.

Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste on October 25

The Village of Carol Stream will host a Household Hazardous Waste event on Saturday, October 25 at the Water Treatment Plant, 245 N. Kuhn Road from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Check the County website at www.dupageco.org for details.

Document Shredding/Electronics Recycling on October 4

The DuPage County Environmental Committee is sponsoring a Document Shredding Event from 9 a.m. to Noon on Saturday, October 4. The event takes place at the DuPage County Administration building, 421 N. County Farm Road in Wheaton.

State-of-the-art mobile shredding trucks are utilized, which are faster, more efficient, and have a high-volume destruction process. This will save you time and money if you are currently doing your own shredding. Destruction is done quickly while you watch and 100% of the paper is recycled.

Only residential documents are accepted and there is a limit of 3 boxes or 3 paper grocery bags. No documents will be accepted from businesses. Paper only, staples and paperclips are acceptable. No binder clips, binders, hard cover books etc.

Electronics recycling is also taking place at the same location from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information on either recycling program, call (630) 407-6700 or visit www.dupageco.org and click on "Waste" quick link.

Radio Host Mike Nowak**Featured Speaker****'Let's Talk Gardening' Topic of Garden Club's October 15 Meeting**

Mike Nowak, host of WCPT 820 AM radio show (and former host of WGN Radio's "Let's Talk Gardening" show), is the featured speaker for the October Garden Club meeting on Wednesday, October 15 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Mike says he stumbled onto gardening somewhere in mid-life, and has since interviewed dozens of horticultural experts, who have taught him valuable lessons about gardening, environmental responsibility and life. Mike shares his humorous insights in his program "I'm Not Really a Garden Expert, I Just Play One on the Radio."

On November 19, the Garden Club's annual holiday craft workshop is to benefit residents of the West Suburban Care Center in Bloomingdale. Each November members create small gift items to be presented to the residents of the Center. In the past they've created door swags, table centerpieces, bouquets, and floral pins. Visitors are welcome to join us for this fun and special evening beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Both programs will be held at the Police Department, lower level, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road, 60108. For more information, contact Debbie DeChinistso, 630-351-1010, or Roberta Pulido, 630-295-8315.



EVENTS

COMMUNITY

Villagers Finish the Year

The Villagers annual Auction takes place on Thursday, October 16 at Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road beginning at 6:30 p.m. On the auction block are collectibles, foodstuffs, home accessories, handmade treasures, Holiday items and gift certificates to local businesses and hotels. Refreshments will be served and there will be special door prizes and a raffle. All are welcome to join the fun! All proceeds go to local charities. For more information call Maureen at 630-351-3345 or Joan at 630-529-9774.

On November 6th, the Villagers present the "DETECTIVE DOG PROGRAM." Deputy John Bertuca of the Dupage Sheriff's Office, a certified K-9 trainer, will give a demonstration with his K-9 partner, Stitch. Stitch is a 3 year old German Shepherd trained in both nar-

cotics and in tracking down human remains. Stitch, who was donated to the Sheriff's office by a local resident, is often utilized by area police agencies, as he is one of the few K-9s trained in the detection of human remains. Come out and watch Deputy Batuca work with his partner Stitch. This event, which is open to the public, couples and singles, takes place at Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way on the Lower Level, beginning at 6:30 p.m. For more information call Juanita at 630-893-0907 or Joan at 630-529-9774



The Villagers Christmas Party, slated for December 4th, also takes place at the Bloomingdale Library, lower level beginning at 6:30 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by The Center Stage Dance Studio Dancers, based in Bloomingdale. There will be a \$5.00 Grab Bag Exchange and a Cookie Exchange. All women of the area are invited to this fun way to start the Holidays.



For more information call Judy at 630-307-8776 or Joan at 630-529-9774

Celebrate CHARACTER COUNTS! Day in Bloomingdale

October 21st is CHARACTER COUNTS! Day in Bloomingdale. To help celebrate and promote the Six Pillars of Character in Bloomingdale, (trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship), a CHARACTER COUNTS! Celebration will be held the evening of Tuesday, October 21st at 7:00 p.m. in Old Town Park. The theme for this year's celebration will be - "Citizenship," and the children will be conducting a mock election with ballot boxes. The Coalition will be collecting food for the Bloomingdale Township Food Pantry, and there will be performances by local school and park district children. Don't miss this great event and your chance to show your support of the six pillars.

Park District Museum Hosting 'About Face' Portrait Show & More

The Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road, is currently hosting a juried portrait show, "About Face." This inspiring multi-media art show runs through Saturday, October 18. Call the museum at 630-539-3096 for hours or more information.

Running from November 8 through December 18 in Gallery I will be "Baby, Baby, Baby," sixty paintings by College of DuPage art students. These oil and acrylic works of art were originally made for a display to celebrate the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago. In Gallery II, Sue MacFarlan will exhibit "Side by Side," a dazzling interpretation of similar subjects in both watercolor and collage. MacFarlan will also present a watercolor workshop on November 15 at the museum. Call the museum at 630-539-3096 for more information.



EVENTS

COMMUNITY

Fefe Ho Takes First Place Honors in DuPage County Fair Talent Show

Ten year old Fefe Ho, from Bloomingdale, competed in the DuPage County Fair Talent Show this summer. She performed a breathtaking Kung Fu routine and punched her way to first place in the Junior Division, surpassing over 40 contestants at the preliminary competition and 8 contestants at the County Fair. Her prize included a trophy and a \$100 check, plus the opportunity to represent DuPage County at Springfield, IL in January 2009 for the state finals.

Fefe is a talented sixth-grader at Westfield Jr. High. Her first performance came when she was only two years old, where she sung a patriotic solo to an audience of over 200 people. From then on, she has performed in numerous prestigious events around the Midwest and even in Fiji. Her hobbies include reading, writing short stories, playing computer games, and making crafts. Fefe's proudest craft is Cardboard Nation, a country made mainly out of cardboard, and one that is piling up in her room. Even though she keeps herself busy with Chinese lessons, Kung Fu, dance, and tumbling practices, she was a straight-A student at DuJardin Elementary.



We wish her the best at the IL state finals. For more information on the Talent Contest, please visit DuPageCountyFair.org.

Bloomingdale Garden Club Celebrates 45th Anniversary And Very Special Birthdays!

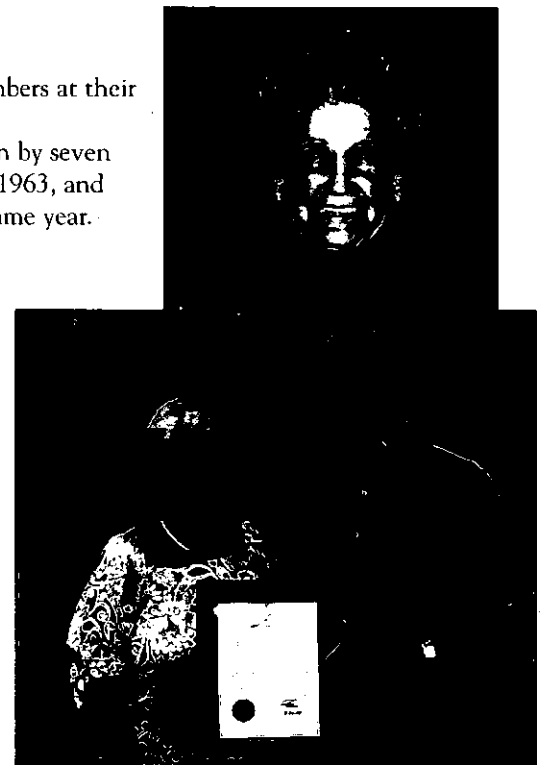
Mayor Robert Iden visited with Bloomingdale Garden Club members at their recent meeting in August. The Mayor honored the Club with a Proclamation on its upcoming 45th anniversary. The Club, begun by seven ardent gardeners and neighbors, had its first meeting in April of 1963, and officially joined the Garden Clubs of Illinois in October of the same year.

Today the Club remains active in the community with monthly programs and meetings. The Bloomingdale Garden Club pursues its goals to foster a love of gardening within the club and community, to encourage the protection of native trees and flowers, and to provide backyard habitat for birds and butterflies.

The Garden Club plant sale – held annually in May – is now a solid event eagerly anticipated by the public, who await the arrival of the finest plants from Michigan to begin their gardens. This plant sale yields much of the funding for the Club's programs, speakers and charitable endeavors.

Mayor Iden also helped the Club celebrate the birthdays of the senior members - our lovely ladies 80 years of age and better, who generously share their years of gardening wisdom and experience. The birthday celebration included a presentation of honorary certificates and rose bouquets created by our Club president, Joyce Basel.

Our Club continues to grow and we welcome new members. Please contact Pat Frank for a membership application, 630-894-3910, p-frank@comcast.net, or visit our web site www.gardencentral.org/illinois/bloomingdale.



Top photo: Marian Jonas, 90 years young! Although not a Charter member, Marian joined in 1963. She has served the Garden Club in many capacities, including 4 terms as President.

Bottom photo: President Joyce Basel accepted

Bill Wolff Honored with Homefront Hero Award

Lt. Governor Pat Quinn recently presented Homefront Hero Awards to 22 Chicagoland-area individuals and organizations, saluting their patriotism and efforts to lift the morale of Illinois service members deployed overseas. The awards are presented to people and organizations who are making a special effort to help our service members, military families and veterans.

Among the recipients for 2008 was Bloomingdale's Bill Wolff, whose name and/or face is well known to many Bloomingdale residents. The bio presented on Bill at the ceremony noted that he "...tirelessly works behind-the-scenes to help local veterans. A veteran himself, he makes regular visits to Hines Hospital to deliver cards and visit with residents. Bill also belongs to his local VFW and sends packages and cards to veterans in his local community."

Bill has also been known to cajole local businesses and their vendors into making donations for the USO located at O'Hare airport, especially when he hears there is a large group of service people passing through. He has spearheaded collections throughout the community to send foodstuffs and sundries to the troops since 2003. If you have a family member serving in Iraq or Afghanistan, call Bill at 630-894-5692 and he will do his best to get a care package to your service person.



Bill Wolff poses with Lt. Governor Quinn after accepting his award.

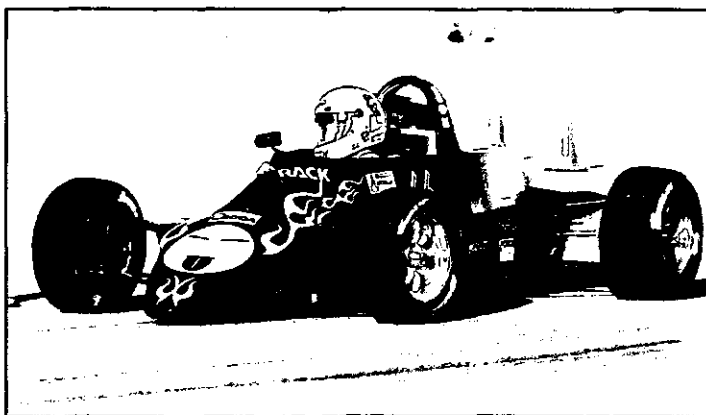


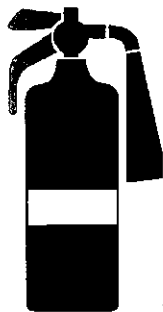
VFW Donates Bench at St. Paul's Cemetery

The Bloomingdale VFW Post 7239 recently installed this bench at St. Paul's cemetery on Lake Street. The structure is made entirely of recycled material. Our VFW has always been a part of the Memorial Day observance in Bloomingdale and joined with the Bloomingdale Historical Society 10 years ago to revive the tribute. The organization believes this placement to be very appropriate as the cemetery is the final resting place of many veterans of several wars, including seven from the War of 1812 and 32 from the Civil War.

Bloomingtondale Police Officer Dawn Odoi Races to Win

In her spare time, Officer Dawn Odoi, known to many residents and businesses for her Community Relations efforts for the Bloomingtondale Police Department, is a national championship race car driver. She took first place in the "C-mod Ladies Class" after two days of competition at the Sports Car Club of America Solo National Championships in Topeka, Kansas. Odoi beat her competition by 2.5 seconds, driving her 1983 Reynard Formula Ford. Her sponsor, our local Signs by Tomorrow, did the graphics on her car. The 11-year veteran driver also wants to give a "shout out" to Dr. Bridget Horan who helped her prepare physically for the race. Some 1100 drivers come out for the 4 days of national competition.





Being Prepared: More Than Just a Good Idea

With two major weather emergencies in less than two months, Bloomingdale residents and businesses have had a double dose of dealing with adversity. Over the next few issues, the Almanac will be printing suggestions for preparing and/or dealing with different emergencies. Some of the information may be very familiar to you, but hopefully residents will find the forthcoming information helpful.

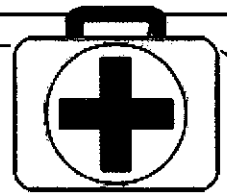
Create a Family Emergency Plan:

The next time a disaster strikes, you may not have much time to act. Prepare now for a sudden emergency. Learn how to protect yourself and cope with disaster by planning ahead. This checklist will help get you started. Discuss these ideas with your family and prepare a family emergency plan that can be posted where everyone can see it (refrigerator/bulletin board). Remember to practice it regularly.

- ☐ As a family, discuss the dangers of fire, severe weather, floods and other emergencies.
- ☐ Find a safe spot in your home for each type of disaster.
- ☐ Discuss what to do in the event of power outages and personal injuries.
- ☐ Draw a floor plan of your home, and mark two escape routes from each room.
- ☐ Show how and when to shut off water, gas, and electricity at main switches.
- ☐ Post emergency telephone numbers near telephones, and program into cell phones.
- ☐ Teach children how and when to call 911 for police and fire emergencies.
- ☐ Purchase a weather radio, and familiarize yourself with weather warning terminology.
- ☐ Pick two emergency meeting places, one near and one away from your neighborhood.
- ☐ Pick one out-of-state and one local friend or relative to call if separated during a disaster.
- ☐ Take a basic First Aid and CPR class.
- ☐ Keep family records in a water and fireproof container.
- ☐ Install smoke detector on each level of your home, and replace batteries semi-annually.

Create a Family Disaster Supply Kit

A disaster of any kind may interfere with normal supplies of food, water, heat and day-to-day necessities. It is important to keep a stock of emergency supplies on hand sufficient to meet your family's needs for at least a three-day period. It is also advisable to update your kit regularly. You should replace the water supply and any food that may have reached its use-by or expiration date. An easy way to remember to update your kit is to use Daylight Savings Time. When you change your clocks, you should also change your kits. **An emergency supply kit should include the following:**



- A battery powered weather radio, and flashlights, with extra batteries.
- Bottled drinking water – 3 day supply - one gallon – per household member. (Date and replace every 6 months)
- A three day supply of canned or sealed packaged foods that do not require refrigeration or cooking.
- One change of clothing and footwear per person
- Mess kit, electric can opener and utility knife
- Paper towels, toilet paper, soap and detergent
- Household laundry bleach (unscented)
- A blanket or sleeping bag for each member of the family
- Fire extinguisher
- Shut-off wrench, to turn off household gas and water
- Signal flare, matches and whistle
- Cell phone and extra battery
- An extra set of car keys and a credit card, cash or traveler's checks
- A list of family physicians
- First-aid kit and manual: Non-prescription medicines or foods needed by family members such as insulin, heart medication, dietetic food and baby food (Do not store in the kit for long period of time but add at the last minute)
- If needed – formula, diapers, and bottles
- Denture needs, extra eye glasses and contact lens supplies
- You can store additional water by filling bathtubs and sinks with water if an emergency is declared. Clean water is also available in toilet tanks, presuming chemicals and other cleaning agents are not used in the water tank.
- If you have pets, include the following items in your kit:
 - ~Identification collar and rabies tag
 - ~Pet carrier or cage
 - ~Leash
 - ~Medications
 - ~Newspaper, litter, trash bags for waste
 - ~Two-week supply of food and water
 - ~Veterinary records (necessary if your pet has to go to a shelter)



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

The B-Card will be returning in February 2009! For those of you who missed its inaugural 10-day run in March 2008, the B-Card program featured Bloomington businesses offering a special promotion or discount to all Bloomington residents who presented a "B" (as in Bloomington) Card.

Residents had great things to say about the program, but

asked if it could be longer. In response, the Business Promotion Committee is planning the 2009 B-card will be valid from February 6 through February 22, 2009, which will include three weekends. The cards and a listing of participating businesses will be included in the February Almanac delivered to every residential and business address in town. Encourage your favorite businesses to participate.

'Under Construction'

If you haven't noticed some scaffolding in the front of the Village Hall, you will be surprised to soon see what appears to be a chimney under construction in the front of the hall. This feature is a result of a re-design of the fresh air intake for both floors of the village offices. The existing air intake was not bringing in adequate fresh air and often pulled in exhaust from idling cars, fumes from landscapers' leaf blowers, etc.

The air intake improvements will move the venting up high to allow for improved air quality. The trustees agreed on the stone to be used because it ties in with the prairie style of the building. The improvement should be completed in December. This is the first change to the Village Hall's façade since it was built in 1977.



New Look at On the Park

The On the Park subdivision recently replaced its stabilized embankment with this large block precast concrete retaining wall along the south boundary, making an attractive addition to the area.

Many Thanks for a Great Event

The 36th annual Septemberfest started off without a hitch, with beautiful weather once again. Gloria Tomaras got things going with the annual Septemberfest parade stepping off at 11 a.m. with 500 walkers, 30 vehicles, 7 floats, an airplane, horses, clowns, and an occasional politician. This parade will go down in history as being one of the largest ever. The opening ceremony began with the Boy Scouts saying the Pledge of Allegiance as our National Colors were raised. Mayor Iden had a few kind words and introduced the board members who were present.

Mark Garrison once again ran the motorcycle show with categories of Best Hardtail, Best Softtail, Best Paint, Best Antique, and of course Best of Show. Paint jobs this year were unbelievable. The cycles that were in the show were works of art, and could have been hanging on a wall at any art museum.

Marilyn Zaccardi, our local car show promoter, was very pleased with the 40 cars participating. Marilyn made sure each winner received a custom crystal trophy from the Septemberfest Committee. A new addition in this year's car show was modes of transportation for our younger generation. Bicycles, wagons, tricycles, or even skate boards were decorated and even participated in the parade. The lucky winner received the \$20.00 gift certificate to Baskin Robins so they could throw an ice cream party with their friends.

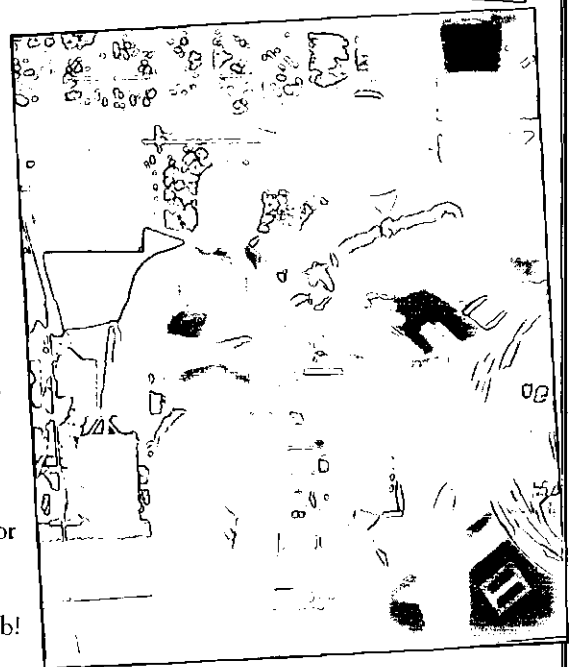
Vivi Frumkin, an excellent addition to our committee this year, was responsible for the relocation of vendors along Third Street. Putting all the food vendors in one location made it easier for fest-goers to find exactly what their looking for. Vivi's husband, Mitch, was responsible for all the advertising and promotional materials. His efforts making up fliers to all school children also paid off as this year's parade was the most watched ever. Nice job Mitch.

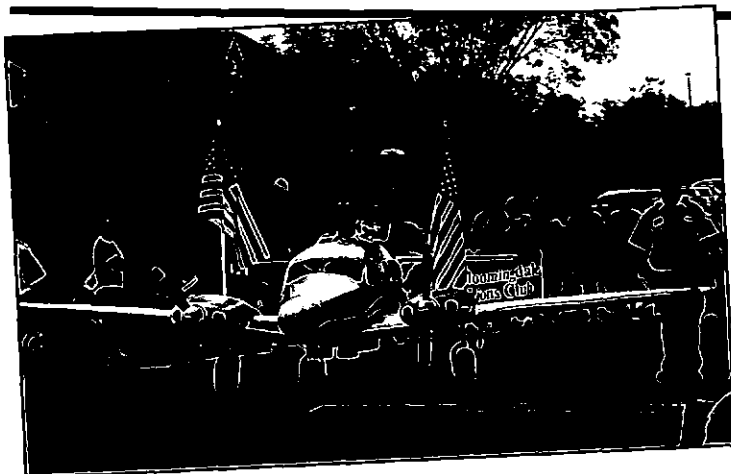
Once again, Carole Lockhart played a significant role in organizing, promoting, and directing the scholarship program, one of the most important features of the fest. She handled everything from sending out applications to arranging for judges to providing flowers for the winners. This year's four scholarship winners were Natalie Zeitoun, Joseph Zanghi, Michael Hannigan, and Nicole Lomotan.

One of the big crowd pleasers is entertainment and again M & R Music provided the DJ work, plus color highlights of all the events, as well as contests for the kids. The Park District Gymnastic and Drill team showed what it takes to become an Olympic Gymnast. Dance Explosion and Center Stage Dance Studio showed everyone the energy levels of the younger generation. Great job! Both main stage bands, The Sting Rays in the afternoon and The New Invaders at night were big hits. Between the two bands they covered all of the 50's, 60's, and 70's.

Of course, no Fest is run by just one person; it took a lot of hard work by the committee consisting of those whose names are listed above, plus Dolores Orlik who made sure all the bills were paid. I also extend thanks to: Kelly Gits, our Lions Club liaison; Jo Witucki, Park District liaison; John Dabrowski, our Village Board representative; Tim Roberts, Police Department liaison; Barb Weber, assistant village administrator; Vern Fasse and Bob Maguire and their Village Services staff and Carol Dublin our committee secretary. My personal thanks to each of you! In closing I would to thank the Village of Bloomingdale for this appointment and look forward to seeing all of you at the 37th. Annual Septemberfest on September 12, 2009.

Bill Wolff
Septemberfest Chairman





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Prevent Home Fires

A pot holder too close to a lit burner or a space heater left on overnight could be all it takes to start a home fire. In fact, cooking and heating are among the leading causes of home fires in the United States, according to the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

That's why the Bloomington Fire Protection District is teaming up with NFPA from October 5-11 to urge Bloomington residents to "Prevent Home Fires" during Fire Prevention Week. This year's campaign focuses on preventing all the leading causes of home fires – cooking, heating and electrical equipment, and smoking materials. Additionally, fire safety educators will be teaching local residents how to plan and practice escape from a home in case a fire occurs.

According the latest research from NFPA, more than 2,500 people died in home fires in the United States in 2006, and 12,500 were injured. Fire departments responded to 396,000 home fires, which accounted for 80% of civilian deaths and 76% of injuries that year.

"While the number of home fires is daunting, the good news is that many are easily preventable when residents take simple steps to increase their safety from fire," said Lieutenant Richard Kurka. "Whether it's smoking outside the home, keeping space heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn, or staying in the kitchen when you are using the stovetop, there are easy things you can do to keep your home and family safe from fire."

Do you know how to keep your home safe from fire hazards? Reviewing the following information and taking action can help you "Prevent Home Fires" during Fire Prevention Week and year-round.



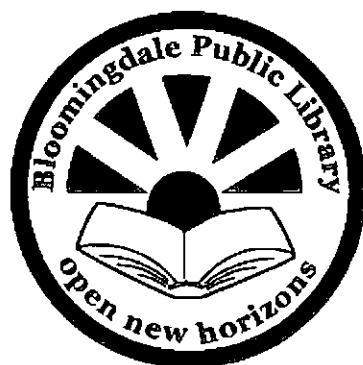
- **Cooking:** Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period time, turn off the stove.
- **Heating:** Keep all things that can burn, such as paper, bedding or furniture, at least 3 feet away from heating equipment.
- **Electrical:** Replace cracked and damaged electrical cords; use extension cords for temporary wiring only. Consider having additional circuits or receptacles added by a qualified electrician.
- **Smoking:** If you smoke, smoke outside; wherever you smoke, use deep, sturdy ashtrays.

Fire Prevention Week is actively supported by fire departments across the country. For 85 years fire departments have observed Fire Prevention Week, making it the longest running public health and safety observance on record. For more information on Fire Safety contact Lieutenant Richard Kurka (630) 894-9080.



Sparky the Fire Prevention Dog Reminds You To be Careful in the Kitchen

- Keep pot and pan handles turned inward to avoid accidentally knocking them off the stove or allowing young children to grab them.
- Do NOT wear loose clothing while cooking, especially loose sleeves. These can easily catch fire.
- Keep oven mitts, potholders, curtains, towels, and so on away from the stove.
- Make sure to turn your stove off as soon as you're finished cooking.
- Keep your kitchen and stove clean to cut down on grease buildup.
- If you have a fire in your oven, turn off the oven and keep the door closed.
- Don't reach above the stove for anything while cooking. This may mean reorganizing your cupboards so that items you need while cooking are stored elsewhere.



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Now that school has started, many students are looking for reputable sources to use for term papers and speeches. The full text articles in General Reference Center Gold are a great place to start in researching any subject. Topics include the latest current events, popular culture, business, the arts, sciences, sports, and more. These articles are from popular magazines, including Time, Newsweek and U.S. News and World Reports. Better yet, these articles are available to you from any computer through our web page. All you need is your library card.

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HOMEWORK HELPERS

Tuesdays and Thursdays
September 23 - December 11
6 p.m.- 8 p.m.

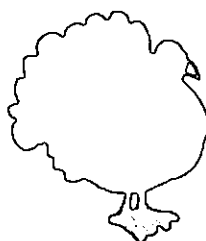
Lake Park High School National Honor Society students will be providing free homework help at the Library for school-age children through 10th grade on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. Assistance will be offered on a walk-in basis. Parents may discuss their child's needs with the tutors prior to the study session. Parents of children ages eight and under must remain in the Library. Students must bring any textbooks, calculators, and other materials that they need to complete their assignments. No registration necessary. For more information, call the Youth Services Desk at (630) 924-2740.

No sessions on Thursday, November 27 and Tuesday, December 2.



Thanksgiving Holiday Hours

Wednesday, November 26: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 27: **LIBRARY CLOSED**
Friday, November 28: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.





Youth Services Programs

Please register for the following programs at the Youth Services Reference Desk, or by calling (630) 924-2740. Registration is open to Bloomington cardholders only. Please have your card available when you register.

Read for the Record with Corduroy (Families)

Thursday, October 2
1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Registration is required.

Join us as we celebrate the book *Corduroy* by Don Freeman with the rest of the world and try to set a new world record. We will also have rhymes, songs and a craft!

Library Capers: Spooky Stories! (Grades 1-5)

Thursday, October 16
4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Registration is required.

This month we will be telling spooky stories in honor of Halloween. There will also be crafts and, of course, the spinner of silliness. Don't forget: make the storyteller say the secret word and everyone will get a treat.



Mom and Me Crafts (Ages 3 - 5 with adult)

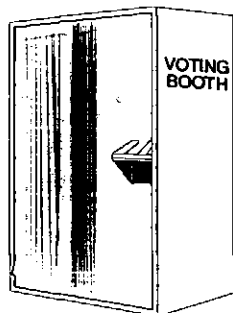
Wednesday, November 5
1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Registration is required

Come enjoy time together while storytimes are on a break. Our turkey craft will expand imaginations young and old!

Library Elections (All ages)

November 2 - November 8th
Registration is not required.

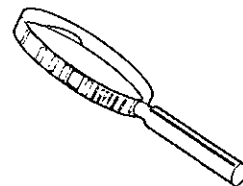
Come in and cast your ballot in our first ever Presidential Election. Check out our official voting booths as you choose between Duck from *Duck for President* by Doreen Cronin and Pigeon from *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus* by Mo Willems. Everyone is welcome to cast their ballots between November 2nd and November 8th and will receive a free campaign button. The winner will be announced the week of November 9th and inaugural parties will be held in the future.



Library Capers: I Spy (Grades 1-5)

Thursday, November 20
4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Registration is required.

I Spy with my eye a library program that is fun and entertaining! We will explore the famous *I Spy* books and even make hidden pictures of our very own. Plus, the spinner of silliness and the secret word will make this a program to remember.



Party with the Pigeon (Ages 3-5)

Wednesday, December 10
1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Registration is required.

Your favorite Pigeon is having a party! Will he get to drive the bus? Can this Pigeon stay up late? It's his party and he'll do what he wants to! Come celebrate with crafts and games as we answer these questions.

Polish Christmas Crafts (Families)

Thursday, December 11
6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Registration is not required.

Everyone is welcome to join us as we celebrate the Polish culture through traditional Christmas crafts. Refreshments and music will accompany your crafting as we get into the holiday spirit.

Get in the Game, 11/11

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Summer Reading Program. A total of 608 children registered for the program and earned prizes based on the amount of time they spent reading, which totaled 5492.5 hours. Thank you again to the Friends of the Bloomington Public Library, local businesses, and Hammer Marketing and the "Reading Rewards" program for their donations of prizes. They all helped make the Summer Reading Program a success.





Youth Services Programs



STORYTIMES

Programs for children ages three months through five years.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION/ REQUIREMENTS FOR FALL STORYTIME PROGRAMS

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

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

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

Fall Programming begins the week of September 22
Fall Programming ends the week of October 27

ROMPER RHYMES (3 months - 15 months)

Tuesdays, September 23—October 28

9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Registration is required.

Romper Rhymes is a language-enrichment program in which nursery rhymes, songs, and fingerplays are shared with babies and their parents or caregivers. Please bring only the child who is registered for the program.

BUDDING READERS (16 months - 23 months)

Tuesdays, September 23—October 28

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

Registration is required.

Budding Readers is designed to prepare toddlers and their parents or caregivers for Time for 2's storytime. The program includes stories and nursery rhymes, fingerplays, flannel board stories, and music. Please bring only the child registered for the program.

TIME FOR 2's (24 months - 35 months)

Mondays, September 22—October 27

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

Registration is required.

Time for 2's is designed to have parents or caregivers interact with their two-year-olds to help them develop listening skills. The program includes interactive stories, flannel board stories, fingerplays, and music. Please bring only the child who is registered for the program.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME (Ages 3 - 5)

Wednesdays, September 24—October 29

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

Registration is required.

Help your child get ready for school with Preschool Storytime! This program includes stories, rhymes, and music. Parents/caregivers and siblings are asked to remain outside the program area during the storytime.

TELLING TALES WITH YOGA (Ages 3 through grade K)

Thursdays, September 25—October 30

(No class on October 16)

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

Registration is not required.

Join us in this delightful program where children will learn some yoga poses and have fun with related stories and activities.



PRIMARY CONNECTIONS (Grades K - 1)

Mondays, September 22—October 27

4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Registration is required.

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

FAMILY STORYTIME (All ages)

Fridays, September 26—October 31

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

Registration is not required.

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

BEDTIME STORIES (All ages)

Tuesdays, September 23—October 28

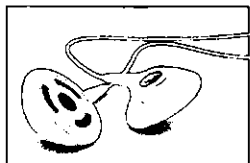
7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Registration is not required.

Bedtime Stories is designed to serve families with babies, toddlers, and/or preschoolers who are unable to attend daytime sessions. **FEEL FREE TO COME IN YOUR PAJAMAS!**



Adult Services Programs



Listen to a Good Book

It's a great feeling to curl up in a comfy chair with a good book. More and more, though, many of us steal the time to listen to books while we are commuting, exercising, or cleaning house. Luckily, there are many options for audio

book lovers at the Library. We have a great selection of books on CD and cassette to keep you company on those long car trips. If you own an MP3 player, you can download books right from the Library's web site and transfer them to your portable device. Click on the MyMediaMall icon at www.mybpl.org to see our large collection of downloadable books. Titles for iPods are now available. This is a great way to carry books around in a very compact format. Try out this new format by checking out an MP3 player from the Library; we'll even load a book on it for you, so you can try before you buy!

If you are not ready to invest in a MP3 player, we have options for you, too. Try one of our Playaways, a self-contained digital book. Just plug in your headphones and go! Listening to a Playaway is just the same as listening to a book on tape, but the Playaway is smaller than a deck of cards, so it's the perfect thing for the gym. Ask to see a Playaway the next time you are in the Library, and we'll show you how it works. Nothing can replace the feeling of losing yourself in a good book. Now it's easier than ever to listen on the go.

Voter Registration

Don't forget to register to vote so you can cast your ballot in the upcoming presidential election. In order to register to vote, you must meet the following qualifications:

- You must be a United States citizen.
- You must be at least 18 years old on or before the next election.
- You must live in your election precinct at least 30 days before the next election.
- You cannot claim the right to vote anywhere else.

Registrars will be available at the Library. Please bring two forms of identification, one of which must show your current address. Naturalized citizens must bring information as to the date and place of their naturalization. Voter registration closes 28 days prior to an upcoming election, **so October 7 will be the last day to register at the Library** for the November 4, 2008 presidential election.

More information about voting is available online at www.dupageelections.com.



PEP News

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

The next training series for ESL, reading and math volunteer classroom tutors will be offered on consecutive Saturdays, November 15 and 22, 2008, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Glen Ellyn campus. The deadline to register is October 31. Space is limited so call early. Spring assignments begin January 14, 2009.

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



Adult Book Groups

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP NEWS

Share your love of books and reading by joining one of our three book groups. Part of the enjoyment of reading a good book is sharing your insights with others. Our book groups always welcome new members. Books are available approximately one month in advance at the Circulation Desk. If you have any questions, please call (630) 924-2730.

Adult Book Group

Meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month.

Thursday, October 16 at 7:30 p.m.

The Handmaid's Tale
by Margaret Atwood

Thursday, November 20 at 7:30 p.m.

The Man who Killed Shakespeare
by Ken Hodgson

Historical Book Group

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

October 7, 2008

Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community, and War
by Nathaniel Philbrick

November 4, 2008

1776
by David McCullough

December 2, 2008

Killer Angels
by Michael Shaara

Mystery Mavens

Wednesday, November 19

The Janissary Tree
by Jason Goodwin

Polish, Spanish, and Indian Language Books

The Adult Services department now offers a small but growing collection of books in Polish and Spanish for adults. This expands our World Language Collection, which already contains books in Gujarati, Hindi and Punjabi. Ask a staff member to show you where this collection is located in the Library.



Adult Services Programs

Heartsaver CPR Class

Saturday, October 4
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



Learn CPR basics from local firefighter and paramedic, Jeff Skelley, owner of My Life Saver CPR. This hands-on class designed for the general public 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 Heartsaver CPR card from the American Heart Association that is good for two years. Please register for this course in the Business Office. Cash and checks are accepted. Sorry, we are unable to accept debit/credit cards.

Dave Hepler: Jazz Piano

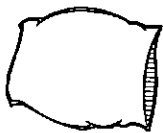
Tuesday, October 14
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Relax and enjoy the smooth sounds of Dave Hepler, as he returns to perform his jazz piano compositions. The program will feature music from his most recent CD, *Secret Light*, as well as his previous recordings, *Song for my Father*, *Birthday Wish*, *Anomaly*, *Dave Hepler Tidings*, and *Dave Hepler 4*. CD's will be available to purchase at the performance. Please register in person or call the Adult Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730.

Getting a Good Night's Sleep

Tuesday, October 21
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

An estimated 50 million Americans are affected by sleep disorders. These disorders can interfere with performance at home, school, and work, and can even affect relationships with family and friends. Denise Anderson of the Alexian Brothers Sleep Health Center will discuss the latest diagnoses and treatments for sleep disorders. Please register in person or call the Adult Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730.



Vampires: Creatures of the Night

Tuesday, October 28
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

This slide show lecture presentation by Martin V. Riccardo, vampire historian, will explore the mysteries of the vampire in legend, fantasy, and fact. Learn about the origin and history of vampire beliefs, and the characterization of vampires in literature, movies, and popular culture. The tremendous impact of the novel, *Dracula* will be examined, along with the historical figure of Dracula in Romania. The presentation will also examine the real vampire bats of Latin America and explore mysterious events in England and Romania. Please register in person or call the Adult Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730.

Yoga for Everybody

Monday, November 3
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Are you looking to reduce stress, increase your flexibility, and improve your posture?



Come join 17-year yoga practitioner and teacher, Pam O'Brien in a gentle and therapeutic yoga and meditation session at the Library. Please wear comfortable, loose clothing for stretching, and bring a beach towel and a small cushion with you to the Yoga session. Please register in person or call the Adult Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730.

Go To 2040 Community Conversation

Wednesday, November 12
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Can you imagine spending less time or money commuting in the future? Do you want to preserve open land for your children and grandchildren? Can you imagine our region leading the world in developing and using green technologies? The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) invites you to participate in a special community conversation on

transportation, natural resource management, housing, and economic development in the Chicagoland area. CMAP is looking for your ideas and output on how to plan for the future. Come and let your voice be heard. Registration for this program is limited, so please register in person or call the Adult Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730.

How to Get the Job You Really Want

Monday, November 17
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Wendy Lalli, a career coach and the former career advice columnist for the Daily Southtown and Star newspapers will show you how to zero in on the right job for you, how to write an interview-winning resume, and how to develop a presentation for interviews. During the seminar, she will also show you how to build a professional network to get the job you are looking for and how to maintain these relationships over time. Each attendee will receive a Job-Hunting Tool Kit at the seminar. Please register in person or call the Adult Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730.

Do You Have Rhythm?

Tuesday, November 18
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

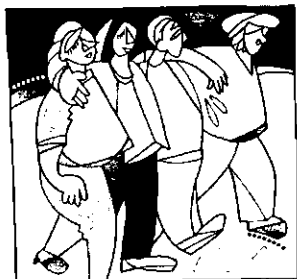
Arrhythmias are disorders of the regular rhythmic beating of the heart. In this program by Alexian Brothers Healthcare, learn about a procedure called arrhythmia ablation, which may eliminate the need for blood thinning medications, which often have negative side effects. Please register in person or call the Adult Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730.

Holiday Cookie and Cupcake Decorating

Thursday, December 4
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.



Back by popular demand, Chef Rose Deneen will show you how to decorate holiday cookies and cupcakes to create gifts, centerpieces, and even edible ornaments for the tree! If you like gingerbread and shortbread cookies and are curious how to make cupcake centerpieces, this is the program for you. Free samples and recipes will be included. Registration is limited for this event, so be sure to sign up soon. Please register in person or call the Adult Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730.



Young Adult Spot

Open to Teens 7th–12th grades only

Teen Read Week 2008

"Books with Bite" Giveaways

October 12-18

Celebrate "Books with Bite" at the Library during the 2008 Teen Read Week! Check out any book from the Library's "Books with Bite" YA Spot display to receive a free Breaking Dawn button, Twilight stickers, and a Vampire Kisses bookmark. Not into fangs? Then techies should check out the "Books with Bytes" YA Spot display. Check out a book from this display for a free Megatokyo bookmark and a I33tsp34k w00t button. Pick up your vampire or techie giveaways at the Reference Desk by showing a librarian your checkout receipt. Limit one giveaway set per teen.

Twilight Saga Crafts

Wednesday, October 15

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Registration limit: 12

Get into the spirit of Teen Read Week's "Books with Bite" by making crafts inspired by Stephenie Meyer's Twilight Saga series! Vampire and werewolf loving craftsters can create bookmarks, buttons, book thongs, and other projects inspired by Edward, Bella, Jacob, and the rest of the Twilight characters. Register at the Reference Desk or by phone at (630) 924-2730.

Teen Game Night

Thursday, October 9 and

Thursday, November 13

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Show off your skills in Rock Band, compete against opponents in Super Smash Bros. Brawl, or race against friends in Mario Kart Wii! Bring your friends and enjoy free food. Registration not necessary, just stop on by!

Anime Club

Wednesday, October 29 and

Wednesday, November 19

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!

Mehndi - Henna Tattoos

Thursday, November 6

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Registration limit: 10

Create your own beautiful temporary henna tattoos! Learn about the ancient art of Mehndi, while applying intricate henna designs. Register at the Reference Desk or by phone at (630) 924-2730.

Before registering, please be aware that your henna tattoos may take over a week to fade. Please do not register for this program if you have allergies to any of the following items: cajeput, wild orange, and lemongrass essential oils, and lemon/citrus products.

Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

Are you a teen with great ideas for the library, but don't know where to start? Do you 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.

Thank you

VOLUNTEERS

The Bloomington Public Library staff would like to thank the seventeen teens who volunteered their time and talents during the summer reading program and at the Ice Cream Social. These great young people worked a total of 181 hours, and they all were of tremendous help in making the Summer Reading Program a great success.

Dueler's Guild

(Ages 9 and older)

Saturday, October 18, 2008

Saturday, November 15, 2008

1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

No registration required

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

Open Game Night

(All ages - Children under age 9 must be accompanied by a parent)

Tuesday, October 7, 2008

Tuesday, November 4, 2008

Need a night away from the TV? Looking for something different to do? Bring your friends and family to the Bloomington Public Library for a night of fun and games. Try out our growing collection of games, including Dance, Dance Revolution, Super Smash Brother's Brawl on the Wii, Rock Band, board games, and more! For more information contact the Youth Services Department at (630) 924-2740.



COMPUTER CLASSES

Computer class registration will **begin on Monday, October 6, 2008**, in the Business Office of the Library. A \$10.00 refundable deposit per class is required upon registration to hold your space for the class. We accept cash and checks only for the registrations. Sorry, we are unable to accept debit/credit cards. There are no charges for the classes aside from the \$10.00 refundable deposit per class. We regret we are unable to register patrons over the telephone. A 24 hour cancellation notice (prior to the start of the class) 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.

Beginner's Computer Course

Date: Monday, October 27
Tuesday, October 28
Monday, November 3
Tuesday, November 4
Time: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Our four session course has been redesigned to better focus on topics useful to beginning computer users. This course should provide a solid base for students to get started using and enjoying computers. General computer knowledge, word processing, Internet, and Email will be covered. Please note: this course requires a \$40.00 deposit and all four classes must be attended.

Windows for Beginners

Date: Monday, October 13
Time: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Instructor: Chris

This class will help students become comfortable with using Windows computers to perform basic tasks. Using programs, copying and deleting, finding files, and more will be covered at a pace intended for those just getting used to working with a computer.

Understanding Your Computer 1

Date: Wednesday, October 15
Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

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

Introduction to Word

Date: Monday, October 20
Time: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

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

Intermediate Word

Date: Tuesday, October 21
Time: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

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

Understanding Your Computer 2

Date: Wednesday, October 29
Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

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

Basic Home Networking

Date: Thursday, October 30
Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Chris

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

Understanding Your Computer 3

Date: Wednesday, November 5
Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

The final session of Understanding Your Computer 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. (Having taken Understanding Your Computer 1 & 2 is strongly recommended.)

Q&A

Date: Wednesday, November 12
Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

This class offers students the opportunity to share questions or problems they've been encountering with their computer. Topics such as general computer use, internet & email issues, office software, and working with digital cameras are welcome. The instructor will attempt to answer every question but some may take too long to cover or might fall outside of their expertise.

Basic Wireless Networking

Date: Thursday, November 13
Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Chris

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



Everyone is invited to attend the 20th Annual
HALLOWEEN PARTY
at the Bloomingdale Public Library,
located at 101 Fairfield Way in Bloomingdale
on Saturday, October 25, 2008
from 1:00-3:30 p.m.

(Please note: Tickets for games will be available from 1:00-3:00 p.m.)

Sponsored by:

The Bloomingdale Public Library, the Friends of the Library,
and the Village of Bloomingdale.

The Halloween Party will be held outside under a tent, rain or shine!
Children are encouraged to wear costumes.

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

Please call the Youth Services Reference Desk at (630) 924-2740
to register for this event, or for more information!

The Bloomingdale Public
Library and the
Village of Bloomingdale
Cordially invite you to attend
our

**20th Annual
Tree Lighting Ceremony
and
Holiday Open House**

Tuesday,
December 2, 2008
6:30-9:00 p.m.

Activities
6:30-7:00 p.m.
Community/Village
Tree Lighting
Ceremony

7:00-9:00 p.m.
Various activities:
Children's crafts, musical
performers, and refreshments.

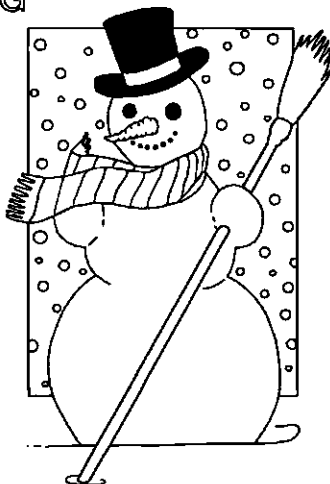
Call the Library at (630) 529-3120
for more details.



SNOWMAN CROSSING

The Bloomingdale Public Library and the Village of Bloomingdale are pleased to announce the Tenth Annual Community Decorated Holiday Tree Program. The holiday trees will be displayed along the sidewalk at the Library. Twenty holiday trees will be available. The Library and the Village are inviting community groups, classes, and clubs to participate by decorating a tree between November 26 and December 1, 2008. Trees must be decorated by Monday, December 1, 2008, for the Library/Village Tree Lighting Ceremony. The ceremony will be held on Tuesday, December 2, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. outside the Library.

Trees will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. However, the number of trees schools and or other groups can decorate will be limited, so that all areas of the Village are represented. Each participating group will receive a location map of its tree and a list of the rules and regulations. Once your tree reservation is received and confirmed, you may begin planning your decorations. There



is no required theme. There are, however, certain rules all groups must follow:

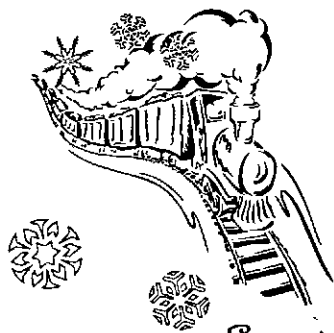
Decorating may not begin until Wednesday, November 26 and must be completed by Monday, December 1, 2008.

Groups must remove their own ornaments from their tree. Decorations must be removed from the trees between Friday, December 26, 2008 and Thursday, January 1, 2009. Beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, January 2, 2009, all remaining decorations will be removed and discarded from trees in preparation for chipping (chipped trees are used as mulch throughout the Village). PLEASE NOTE: Ornaments will not be saved.

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

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

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



Polar Express 2008!

Event Date:

Sunday, December 7, 2008

You are invited to bring your family along for a ride on the Polar Express!*

**Tickets for the event will be available
beginning Saturday, October 11, 2008.**

at the Bloomingdale Public Library, which is located at 101 Fairfield Way in Bloomingdale.

We will meet at the Roselle Train Station at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 7th for a trip to the North Pole (Elgin Train Station).

The train ride will feature a storyteller, caroling, treats and a visit from a special guest that we will pick up along the way!

Tickets prices are as follows:

Adults (over 11): \$9.00 each

Children (11 and under): \$7.00 each

Methods of payment accepted:

Cash or checks only. Sorry, we cannot accept debit/credit card payments.

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT
INFORMATION REGARDING POLAR EXPRESS:**

- This is a very popular event and tickets will sell out quickly. Due to transportation issues, we are **not** able to add additional train cars for this event.

- Ticket sales will be limited to **Bloomingdale residents only**. A valid photo id will be required when purchasing tickets.

- We ask that all groups purchase their tickets at the same time and in the exact quantity that you will need if you wish to sit in the same train car. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

- Due to the seating configurations on the train cars, passengers will be seated in the upper level of the train car. There is no guarantee that groups will be seated next to each other. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.

- **TICKETS WILL BE LIMITED TO SIX (6) PER FAMILY!**

Please call the Business Office of the Library at (630) 924-2720 for more information.

**Based on the book by Chris Van Allsburg*

Breakfast and Brunch with Santa 2008!



Event Date:

Sunday, December 13, 2008

You may purchase tickets in person beginning Saturday, October 11, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. at the Bloomingdale Public Library, located at 101 Fairfield Way in Bloomingdale. Please note: This is a popular event and tickets will sell out quickly.

This event is sponsored by the Bloomingdale Public Library and the Bloomingdale Golf Club.

The event will be held at the Bloomingdale Golf Club:

Saturday, December 13, 2008

181 Glen Ellyn Road

in Bloomingdale

The first seating (Breakfast) will be held from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
The second seating (Brunch) will be held from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

The menu for both seatings is as follows: Cereal, eggs, bacon, sausage, hash brown potatoes, French toast sticks, mini-Danish pastries and beverages.

Breakfast will be served from 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Brunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Activities at Breakfast will be held from 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Activities at Brunch will be held from 12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

The cost of the breakfast is:

\$13.00 per adult

\$10.00 per child (ages 4-12),

and free for kids under age 4 (Tickets required)

Please make checks payable to the Bloomingdale Public Library. Cash or checks only. Sorry, we cannot accept credit/debit cards.

Photos with Santa will be \$5.00 each, payable at the breakfast.

Please call the Business Office of the Library at (630) 924-2720 for more information.



HALLOWEEN HAPPENING

Bloomington Park District
presents

All Kids aged preschool through
6th grade are welcome to join us
for the ultimate Halloween
experience: our annual Halloween
Happening!

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We will have the scary and bouncy inflatable haunted house, but you can't find your way out! There will be lots of great ghoulish fun including a moonwalk, haunted hayrides through Circle Park, loads of games and prizes, Magic by Mike, a fortune teller, Professor Snape's potions class, face painting, and the infamous Trick or Treat Trail...Oasis-style! Families won't want to miss our pumpkin painting contest! For the little ones there's our famous Creepy Crawlers Room and the Pumpkin Walk.

Make your Halloween a happening one!

Wristbands purchased before October 31 are \$5.00 each for children 2-16 years old.

Adults are FREE.

Wristbands will also be sold the night of the event for \$7.00 each.

Make sure to purchase your wristband at JRC. & purchase 'em before the night of the event for your best value!



Dinner with Drac!

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



Location: JRC Gym
Instructor: Staff

MIN/MAX: 25/100

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
All	W	06:45-08:00P	10/22	\$4/8	101104-A1



MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY 2008
October 11; 9:00am-Noon
Springfield Park

Make A Difference Day is the most encompassing national day of helping others — a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors. Everyone can participate. Make A Difference Day is an annual event that takes place each October. Bloomington will participate in this year's Make a Difference Day on Saturday, October 11, 2008. In Bloomington, community members and groups will join forces to beautify Springfield Park by removing invasive plants and collecting seeds. All ages are invited to participate. Other activities include painting and decorating birdhouses, and cleaning up Springfield Park. Everyone can lend a helping hand. Service groups, local businesses, scouts, families, and individuals are welcome to participate. All participants will receive a t-shirt. All volunteers are invited to stay for refreshments and enjoy a hayride around Springfield Park. Please call the Bloomington Park District, 630-529-3650 to register for this event.

Adult

Shopping on Michigan Avenue

Join us for our popular annual holiday shopping spree to Michigan Avenue in Chicago! We will drop you off near Water Tower Place shopping center, and you'll be on your own to enjoy shopping and lunch. This time we'll venture down Michigan Avenue to take a closer look at the lights after our shopping, before heading home. Registration deadline is December 3, 2008.

Location: JRC Parking Lot			MIN/MAX: 7/14		
Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	W	09:30-04:30P	12/10	\$15/20	103239-A1

Belly Dancing

Belly dancing is a great way to get some exercise. It will help improve your posture, balance, muscle strength and coordination. This class will focus on basic belly dance steps, technique, and movement. No prior experience is required. Please wear exercise type clothing (no jeans or gym shoes please). Belly dancing is fit for all body types as well as personalities. Get ready to have some fun! DROP IN RATE IS \$10 PER CLASS.

Location: Aerobics Studio
Instructor: Mahira MIN/MAX: 6/20

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	M	06:00-07:00P	11/03-12/08	\$65/85	103532-A2

Doggie Trick or Treat

Have your favorite four legged friend enjoy the Halloween season trick or treating Oasis style. Doggies will collect a treat at each special Oasis door. Dogs are invited to come in costume; prizes will be awarded in a variety of categories. Each dog MUST have a 16 years old handler or older to go Trick or Treating. Dogs must be leashed and be current with all shots. Doggie Size A1 is for dogs less than 20 pounds and A2 is for dogs over 20 pounds

Location: Oasis
Instructor: Staff MIN/MAX: 10/50

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	Sa	10:30-11:30A	11/01	\$7/12	104108-A1
Adult	Sa	12:00-01:00P	11/01	\$7/12	104108-A2

Watercolor Workshop

Acclaimed artist, Sue MacFarlan, will present a hands-on workshop in watercolor techniques. She will demonstrate a variety of methods for creating both realistic and abstract paintings as well as a running critique. Participants will have an opportunity to apply these methods in their own work during the workshop. All artistic levels will find this to be an inspiring and informative afternoon. A supply list will be provided.

Location: Museum			MIN/MAX: 5/15		
Instructor: Sue MacFarlan					
Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	Sa	12:00-03:00P	11/15	\$35/45	103444-A1

GENTLE YOGA FOR SENIORS

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

Location: Aerobics Studio
Instructor: Beth McCown MIN/MAX: 8/16

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	M	01:00-02:00P	10/20-11/24	\$47/57	103507-B1
Adult	Tu	11:00-12:00P	10/21-11/25	\$47/57	103507-B2
Adult	Th	09:00-10:00A	10/23-11/20	\$40/50	103507-B3
Adult	M	01:00-02:00P	12/01-01/19*	\$47/57	103507-C1
Adult	Tu	11:00-12:00P	12/02-01/20*	\$47/57	103507-C2
Adult	Th	09:00-10:00A	12/04-01/22*	\$47/57	103507-C3

*NO CLASS 12/22, 12/29, 12/23, 12/30, 12/25, 01/01

Friday Night Movie

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. Children of all ages are welcome. All movies are shown on our big screen in the JRC Gym!

Friday, October 10 th - Hocus Pocus PG

7:00-9:00pm

Admission is free
\$1.00 for popcorn and a drink

register online at bloomingdaleparks.org

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Photos from Record Breaking Rainfall

(Counter-clockwise from the top photo left)

A storm sewer cover is forced up by the overflow.

The dam at the Spring Creek Reservoir (Lake Street) takes on the look of a waterfall as excess water pours in.

A culvert becomes a racing stream.

The open space recently purchased by Village from Indian Lakes pools when ground can't absorb any more rain.

Aerial view of same open space area along Meadowlark Road.

