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Reconstruction of Douglas Drive, Pleasant Avenue; Resurfacing of 14 Streets Included In Summer 2008

Construction Program

Days are longer, temperatures are warmer, trees are budding and flowers are ready to burst into bloom. After the long, hard winter, spring and summer are finally upon us, and the village of Bloomingdale is taking advantage of the long-awaited break in the weather to begin reconstructing and repairing streets throughout the Village. Following is a list of what's on the list for the 2008 road improvement season:

Pavement Reconstruction

Road reconstruction is scheduled for Douglas Drive (Arbor to Bedford) and Pleasant Avenue (Spring Valley to Broker) which entails removal and replacement of the existing asphalt pave-



ment, including curbs and gutters, and road base. The new roadway will be the same width as the existing road; no widening is planned. All work is funded 100% by the Village.

This work will begin mid-June and will take approximately 2 ½ months to complete. During construction, these roads will be closed to through traffic. If you live in the construction zone you will be permitted to proceed past the barricades to reach your residence.

As part of the work, the Village will be installing a depressed curb at each driveway. This means the "bump" at the curb of each driveway is being eliminated, and a smooth transition from the street to each driveway will be constructed. The Village will also be reconstructing the driveway aprons, that is, the concrete driveway between the sidewalk and the curb, as part of the project.

Pavement Overlay

Overlay maintenance consists of pavement patching, curb and gutter repairs (continued on page 3)

These Ordinances Protect Quality Of Life in the Neighborhood

At last, Spring weather is here and many people are happy to come out of hibernation. Based on recent questions from residents, the following information based on our local ordinances is summarized here.

Dog Nuisances

No owner shall permit a dog:

- To be at large; run uncontrolled; or molest persons or vehicles by chasing, barking, or biting.
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- To attack other animals.
- To damage property other than that of the owners.
- To bark, whine, howl or make other noises excessively.
- To defecate or urinate upon any public place...provided however that such defecation be completely and promptly removed by the owner or keeper of such dog.
- To injure, destroy or carry away any vegetable, plant, fruit, shrub, tree, flower or other thing which may be on any premises or which may be planted or seeded there without the consent of the owner of the property concerned.

Also, all dogs are required to be licensed with the Village of Bloomingdale (at no cost). Residents are allowed two dogs over the age of four months for a single family, detached residence and one dog over the age of four months for any single-family residence situated within a building or structure containing more than one (1) dwelling unit.

Property Maintenance & Garbage

The snow has finally melted away, but may have left debris that was hidden during the winter months. Residents are required to pick up garbage, rubbish, junk, refuse or construction material/waste from their property and placed in containers.

These containers (which includes plastic bags constructed of not less than one and one-half (1.5) mil material, which is capable of being tightly closed by rolling or tying the top) are not to be stored in the front yard, including that area between the building and front yard, or stored in the corner-side or side yard of any property, including that area between the building and that yard, unless screened from view from the street.

Garbage containers and refuse shall not be set out earlier than 6:00 p.m. on the night before collection. All containers and refuse shall be removed from the specified location no later than the sundown on the day it was collected.

Garbage cannot be burned, buried, or illegally dumped on another person's property or public property.

Note: It is suggested, although not required by ordinance, that may be helpful is to adequately mark your address number on your garbage containers and/or recycling bins so that they may be returned in the event the wind blows them or rolls them off your property.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this information or crime prevention material, please contact Officer Dawn Odoi at the (630) 529-9868.

WELCOME Bloomingdale is a CRIME WATCH community



We immediately report all suspicious activities to our Police Department

OUR SUCCESS IS MEASURED BY THE SCOPE OF YOUR INVOLVEMENT

Sincerely,

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

529-9868

Summer 2008 Road Improvement Program

Pavement Overlay (continued from page 1)

to correct drainage deficiencies, storm sewer repairs and a new asphalt road surface. The following streets will receive pavement overlay:

Club House Drive
Springdale Lane
Benton Lane
Longridge Drive
Lehigh Lane
Larchmont Drive
Lynbrook Drive
Donna Lane
Tuttle Drive
Carey Court
Edgewater Drive
Lakeview Drive
Lakeview Court
Harvard Lane

Dover Court
Brentwood Court
Colony Court
Glen Ellyn Road
Circle Avenue
Independence Lane
Jefferson Lane
Hancock Lane
Jackson Lane
Constitution Drive
Winston Lane
Washington Street
Day Street

Motorists are advised to use alternate routes around the construction zone to avoid delays. Local detour signage consisting of "Road Construction Ahead" signs will be posted prior to construction.

If you have any questions regarding this project you may call the Village Services Department, Engineering Division, 630-671-5676.



Planning a Garage Sale?

Spring cleaning often gets us thinking about having a garage sale. It's a great way to clean out the closets and make a few dollars, while meeting your neighbors. So if your spring and summer plans include turning your unwanted items into cash by having a garage sale, here are a couple of things you need to know.

There is no cost or permit necessary to hold a garage or yard sale, however, the person conducting the sale must notify the police department of the sale prior to the start of the sale.

No more than three rummage or garage sales may be held on the same premises in any calendar year. Each may not be more than 3 consecutive days and can only take place between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

There are also requirements relative to garage sale signs, including size and placement restrictions. For more information, contact the Police Department at 529-9868.



Curbside Yardwaste Pickup Now Available

Yard waste pickups began April 1st and continue through November 30th. Small twigs, leaves and other yard waste may be placed in bags with stickers (\$2.25 each) for Allied Waste pickup.

Questions should be directed to Allied Waste at (847) 429-7370.

Thinking About a Fence, Deck, Patio or Pool? These And Many Other Improvements Require a Permit

Village residents planning to build or install an accessory use or structure on their property, or make improvements to their home or property, need to contact the Village Services - Building and Zoning Division prior to the start of the project. The Building and Zoning Division is staffed with certified/trained personnel who will be able to determine the various codes, requirements and permits involved with the construction of a specific type of project.

Common projects that require a building permit include, but are not limited to:

- ☐ Fences
- □ Decks
- □ Patios
- ☐ Fireplaces
- Driveways
- Water Heaters
- ☐ Sheds
- Porches
- ☐ Gazebos
- ☐ Furnaces
- ☐ Sidewalks
- ☐ Siding, Soffit/Fascia and/or Gutters
- ☐ Room Additions
- ☐ Basements (Finished)
- ☐ Air Conditioning Units
- ☐ Kitchen/Bathroom Remodeling
- ☐ Lawn Sprinkling Systems
- ☐ Swimming Pools (Above & In-ground)
- ☐ Roofing (Repairs and re-roofing)
- Garages (Attached and Detached)
- ☐ Electrical Work (including low voltage)
- □ Plumbing/Sewer Work
- ☐ Window/Door Replacements
- ☐ Property Re-grading/Retaining Walls

The Building and Zoning Division provides informational packets which outline the basic requirements for these types of projects. Although these packets provide the basic requirements, each project is unique and residents should consult with the Building and Zoning Division prior to the start of the project.

Information packets are free of charge. Call 671-5660 for more information. If a contractor is being hired to perform the work on a project, it is advisable that certain precautions are taken prior to signing a contract or work agreement. The precautions listed are recommended and not limited to:

Check at least three references of the contrac-

tor's work, preferably work you can see and verify that the contractor actually performed the work. If possible, request to speak with the owner of the property where the work was performed to ask about the project and their working relationship and experience with the contractor.

Verify that the contractor has adequate insurance coverage specific to the proposed work to be performed (i.e. but not limited to: Products-Completed Operations, Contractual Liability, Underground Hazard Coverage, Personal Injury, Explosion Hazard Coverage, Collapse Hazard Coverage, Worker's Compensation and Employer's

Liability, Bodily Injury and Property Damage).

Verify that the contractor is licensed to perform the proposed work (i.e. roofing, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, alarm installer, etc.). Verify who will be responsible for obtaining the required permits.



Check with the Better Business Bureau for any information or history on the contractor. Contact the Better Business Bureau at 1-312-346-3313.

Once a Building Permit is secured, the yellow permit card is to be clearly posted either in the front door or window of the building or structure.

For more information, please visit the Village Hall to meet with a Building and Zoning Division staff member or call 630-671-5660.





Get a Group Together, Grab a Paint Brush, and **Help Prevent Water Pollution**

The Village is planning a storm water inlet identification program this coming summer. The program consists of marking inlets with a painted emblem. The emblem was designed by the Conservation Foundation of DuPage County and bears the mes-

sage, "DUMP NO WASTE! - DRAINS TO RIVER," split by a silhouette of a small-mouth bass. The program's primary purpose is to prevent pollution by increasing awareness.

The Village will supply the emblems, paint, and a liaison from Village Services-Utilities Division, to assist volunteer groups willing to donate their time and efforts.

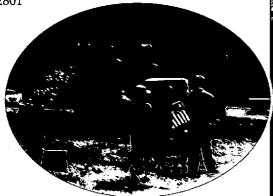
Volunteer groups seeking more information or wishing to participate in the program should contact Vern Fasse, Distribution Supervisor at 630-671-5830.

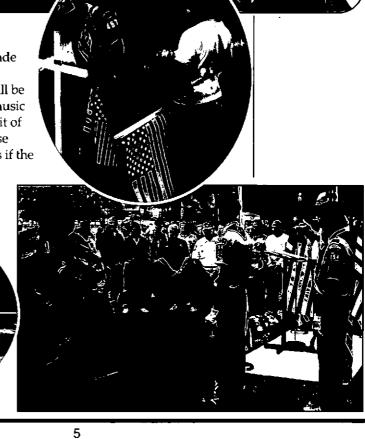
Honoring Our Vets, Past and Present, Now and Forever

The Bloomingdale Historical Society, the Bloomingdale Public Library, and the Village of Bloomingdale will again sponsor the annual Memorial Day Remembrance program on Monday, May 26, 2008.

This year's observance, "Respect," will be held at the St. Paul Cemetery on Lake Street beginning at 9:30 am. This special gathering honors the men and women who have served our country, and a special invitation is made to all veterans in our community. The placing of flags, taps, and a gun salute by VFW Post 7539 will be part of the program, as well as special patriotic music performed by the a cappella Ensemble of the Spirit of Life Chorus. Limited seating is available, so please bring lawn chairs, and remember your umbrellas if the weather appears unpleasant.

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





Help Protect Our Natural Waterways Against Pollution

The Village currently maintains 70 miles of underground Storm Sewers. As part of this system there are 900 manholes and 2800 inlets/basins, which allows access for maintenance and more importantly Storm water run off.

The purpose of the Storm Water Collection System is to take storm water run off away from streets and structures. The water enters the system at curb or yard inlets and is then transported by gravity through the Storm Sewer Mains. The Storm Sewer Mains deliver the water to retention or detention ponds, which in turn discharge into natural water ways.

The Storm Water Collection System is completely separate from the Sanitary Sewer Collection System. While they have similarities in the way they transport the flows received, the destination is different. The Sanitary Sewer Collection System discharges to the Water Reclamation Facility located at Glen Ellyn Road near Edgewater Drive where it receives treatment prior to discharge to the East Branch of the DuPage River. Whereas, Storm water receives no treatment prior to discharge to the receiving stream.

It is important to understand that anything dumped into any of the storm water inlets eventually is discharged into natural water ways and endangers the environment. Village Ordinance 92-31 strictly prohibits the discharge of any flammable or toxic, in

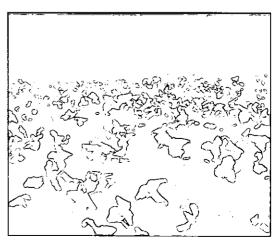


liquid, gas or solid forms into either sewer system. Examples would include motor oil, gasoline, paint, paint cleaners and cleaning solvents. Fines for violation of this ordinance can be levied from \$50.00 to \$500.00 per occurrence. In addition, violators can be responsible for clean up costs which normally run thousands of dollars.

The Village requests that all our residents help us combat this type of potential pollution. If you see anyone dumping anything into the inlets near your house, please call the Bloomingdale Police Department at 630-529-9868, or the Village Services-Utilities Division at 630-671-5830. If you would like more information, please contact the Village Services-Utilities Division.

Ahh, Spring!

The Meacham Grove (west of Bloomingdale Road) Forest Preserve is filled with trillium and many other spring wildflowers throughout the month of May and into June.



Water Conservation in Bloomingdale: Here's What You Need to Know

Although the winter brought us lots of snow, there's no guarantee that summer will bring us enough rain. The Village of Bloomingdale is reminding its water users that, once again Ordinance 90-30 will be in effect this year, which restricts the times and methods of water used for lawn sprinkling. These restrictions have been mandated by the State and Federal Authorities controlling the Lake Michigan water allocations. Water conservation is important to each person in our community and by actively participating in conserving water, you protect a valuable natural resource and save money.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ORDINANCE NO. 90-30, WATER CONSERVATION AND CONTROL ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- A. Single Family residential addresses with odd numbers may use the public water supply for outside watering through automatic sprinkling devices only on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. or 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.
- B. Single Family residential addresses with even numbers may use the public water supply for outside watering through automatic sprinkling devices only on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. or 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.
- C. Units of Government, Commercial, Industrial, Manufacturing, Office Buildings, and Multi-Family Residential buildings may use the public water supply for outside watering through automatic sprinkling devices only on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. or 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.



- D. Permits for newly sodded or seeded lawns will be available from the Director of Village Services office upon application of such permit. Permits would allow for outside watering by means of automatic sprinklers for a period of thirty (30) consecutive days between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. or 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.
- E. The use of hand-held water devices is permitted without restriction for any purpose except when the device is left on unattended, or no device is used to control the flow of water. If a hand-held watering device is left on unattended, it is considered to be an automatic sprinkling device and subject to the restrictions previously mentioned.

The times that automatic sprinkling is permitted have been established not only as a conservation method, but also are optimum times for effective lawn sprinkling with minimum loss due to evaporation or runoff.

THE WATER CONSERVATION AND CONTROL ORDINANCE NO. 90-30 IS EFFECTIVE FROM MAY THROUGH SEPTEMBER, ANNUALLY. Copies of the Ordinance are available at the Village Hall.

Make Your Calendar for These Refuse Holidays

The following upcoming holidays may affect your regular garbage pickup day:

Memorial Day Independence Day Labor Day

Monday, May 26 Friday, July 4 Monday, September 1 All pickups will be one day later than usual Friday pickups will be on Saturday All pickups will be one day later than usual

Living with Coyotes in DuPage County

Natural History

Not many residents of DuPage County have heard the howl of a coyote at night. But a growing number of sightings point to the presence of this North American wild dog within the county and its forest preserves. Seeing a coyote, however, is by no means a routine occurrence. Like most wild animals, they keep their distance from people and are still considered by Forest Preserve biologists to be uncommon.

The local coyote population appears to be stabilizing after a period of growth over the last two decades. In a time when most carnivorous animals are retreating in the face of dwindling open spaces, the coyote has been gradually extending its range into the northeastern U.S., moving into areas with preserves or other open country. Coyotes have been sighted at 25 forest preserves and other locations within DuPage County, with sightings most common in the western forest preserves.

Characteristics

With a gray or reddish-gray color and adult weight between 20 and 45 pounds, the coyote resembles a wolf or husky, although it is markedly smaller. The footprints and droppings are also somewhat similar to those of domestic dogs.

Offspring

Coyote parents, paired for life, are active in raising the young, which are born in litters that average six pups. Coyotes are well known for their group behavior, which centers around the family unit made up of the paired male and female, their newborn pups and possibly offspring from the previous year.

Howling together is an important social activity for the coyote. These prolonged musical cries can carry for miles. Usually one animal begins and the others join in. Theories about the reasons for this unique form of communication include establishing a territory and keeping family members together. Howling is not the only sound within the coyote's repertoire. Coyotes have been heard making barking sounds in a series of high or low-pitched yaps.

Dangers

While it is prudent to be wary of any wild animal, coyotes shy away from human beings and do not present a real threat to humans. Unrestrained pets occasionally are attacked by coyotes, providing a good reason for keeping your pet on a leash, especially in forest preserves.

Injured or Orphaned Animals

Injured or orphaned coyotes should only be approached by qualified personnel such as an animal control agent. Anyone who sees an injured or orphaned coyote in a



DuPage County forest preserve should contact the District's Willowbrook Wildlife Center at (630) 942-6200.

The Willowbrook Wildlife Center offers these techniques to discourage coyotes from interacting with the human population:

- ☐ Do not approach wildlife.
- ☐ Do not feed wildlife, causing them to become habituated to humans and their homes. Avoid overflowing bird feeders.
- ☐ Keep all trash containers closed and inaccessible. Adding ammonia or pepper spray to the trash container discourages rummaging.
- ☐ Be sure barbecue grills are kept clean to avoid attracting animals. Clean up after fruit bearing trees.
- ☐ Obey leash laws. Small dogs on the loose are attractive prey for coyotes, especially at night. Cats should be kept indoors, along with pet food and water bowls.
- ☐ Coyotes are creatures of habit and can learn our routines. To avoid encounters, vary the time of day or route used for walking your pet.
- □ Don't invite coyotes to build dens next to or under your home; seal crawl spaces of decks, concrete slabs, porches, and sheds with welded wire; keep garage doors closed.
- ☐ Thin out, trim, and clear away shrubbery and ground cover vegetation that may provide cover for prey or for coyotes.
- ☐ Use motion sensor lights for front, back, or side yards.
- ☐ Provide supervision at all times for small children.
- ☐ Share this information with your neighbors.

For additional information on coyotes and other nuisance wildlife animals, visit

www.dupageforest.com/education/coyotes.html.

5 Ways to Resolve Conflicts with Your Wild Neighbors

Source: Chicago Tribune Home & Garden, 2/4/07, and Willowbrook Wildlife Center

1. De-skunking. If Fido gets spritzed by a skunk, here's an instant fix: mix together in a bowl 1 quart 3% hydrogen peroxide, 1/4 cup baking soda and 1 teaspoon liquid dish soap. Apply to dog with a towel. Then bathe and rinse dog. The solution also works on clothes and objects sprayed by the skunk – just dunk them in. A word of warning: hydrogen peroxide may give a dark-furred animal "highlights," or may bleach clothing. Be sure to mix the formula fresh and use right away.



2. Woodpeckers and woodchucks. Get rid of those birds drilling holes in the side of your house and the woodchucks digging in your yard (and geese for that matter) by hanging shiny Mylar balloons (get ones that have a "face" on them with big eyes) from windows or downspouts or tie them to garden posts. The woodpeckers, woodchucks and geese will think the balloons are predators.

3. Squirrels/raccoons at your door. If squirrels and raccoons are venturing onto your patio or deck and coming too close to your door for comfort, remove all food sources, such as cat food or birdseed. If they keep coming back, run the vacuum cleaner for a few minutes. That sound is particularly frightening to wild animals, and they will scurry away.

4. Squirrels/raccoons in your chimney. Get a chimney cap. That will prevent such situations. But if you have a squirrel down there, it ventured in by mistake (and can't climb back out), perceiving your chimney as a hollow tree. Make sure your damper is shut, so the squirrel can't get into your house. Lower a 3/4 inch diameter rope down the chimney / flue from the roof – or hire a handyman to do it for you. The squirrel will climb up it and out. (Drape the other end of the rope down the side of your house. When the squirrel's out, you can pull the rope down without getting atop the roof again.)

But if you have raccoons in your chimney, they mean to be there. They are capable of shimmying up the chimney, but have chosen yours as a "nice private den to raise their babies." The good news is they will move out in six weeks. If you can't wait that long, set up a "harassment system." Play loud hard rock music and put a bowl of ammonia in the fireplace at dusk (again, make sure the damper remains shut). Between the noise and odor, Mama Raccoon will relocate. Then hire a chimney sweep to clean the place out and install a chimney cap, pronto.

5. Skunks in the window well. A window well cover is the answer. But if you have a fallen skunk to deal with first, you can get him to walk. Method One. Place a roughened board at a 45° angle into the window well. Make sure the board is long enough to act as a ramp to the top. A towel or carpeting around the board provides better traction for the skunk, who is not a good climber. Place fish-scented cat food, Twinkies or brie cheese at the top of the ramp to entice the skunk. Skunks are nocturnal (active at night) and may not leave the window well until night. (This method also works well for opossums). Method Two. Tie a rope around a rectangular kitchen garbage can. Put the food in the bottom of the can. Put the can on its side and lower it into the window well with the open end facing the skunk. The skunk will walk right in to get his feast. Then gently tip the can up and raise it – elevator style – to ground level. Gently lower the can on its side again to allow the

For more information, contact the Willowbrook Wildlife Center at (630) 942-6200, or visit www.dupageforest.com/education/livingwith.html and www.wildlifehotline.org

skunk to amble out. It's prudent to wear gloves and try to stay out of the skunk's sight.

Planting a Tree, Building a Deck or Putting In a Pool? Call J.U.L.I.E. First!

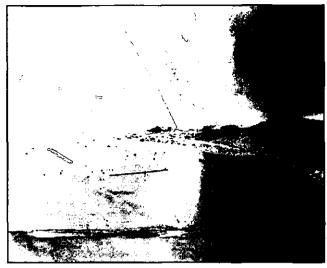
You may be surprised by what's buried in your yard. That's because today, more power, gas, water and telecommunications companies are delivering utility services underground. To avoid damaging those lines, state law requires you to call JULIE (811 or 800-892-0123) before any digging project, regardless of the project size or depth.

JULIE, Inc. is a not-forprofit message handling service for homeowners and contractors. JULIE operators are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The call is free and so are the services. Just call a helpful call center operator at JULIE and they'll alert member utility companies of your plans to dig so they can come out and mark their underground lines at your site.

All you need to do is call two working days in advance. For more information, visit <u>www.illinois1call.com</u>.

You'll know who was there by their color-coded flags, stakes or paint:

Red – Electric Yellow – Gas, oil, or petroleum Orange – Communications Blue – Potable water Green – Sewer Purple – Reclaimed water Pink – Temporary survey White – Proposed excavation



Check out the photos above and below. See what can happen if you don't call J.U.L.I.E.? Someone broke into a watermain.



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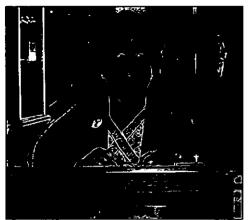
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Bloomingdale Women's Club's 'A Rainbow of Fashion' Raises \$6,000 to Benefit People's Resource Center



Fay Herbach, BWC President and Fashion Commentator

The Bloomingdale Women's Club April 6th Fashion Show, "A Rainbow of Fashions," raised over \$6,000 raised in raffle prizes and silent auction. The recipient of the proceeds is the non-profit organization People's Resource Center which helps an average of 2,000 families in DuPage County each month. The center has been a lifeline to people in temporary emergencies, as well as a pathway of opportunity for their future. Ninety-five cents of every dollar goes to services for the clients.

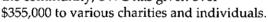
Fashions featured were from Carson Pirie Scott, Monalisa Boutique, Jack and Jill, Brides by Demetrios, York Furriers and Gentlemen's Quarters for-

mal wear. Roselle resident and sophomore at Benedictine College, Miss Illinois of the American National Teen Scholarship Organization Chrissy

Sitarski, was a special guest and model. She enjoyed having her photo taken with a number of the young girls in attendance and gave them encouragement to do well in school.

Rose Fitzpatrick and Dorothy Arnieri

Rose Fitzpatrick and Dorothy Arnieri were co-chairs of the event. The members of BWC, besides helping to organize the show, were diligent in contacting local businesses for products, gift certificates, program ads and cash donations. In the 36 years of service to the community, BWC has given over





Ms. Illinois ANTSO, Chrissy Sitarski escorted by Frank DeCarlo

Alexis Arnieri, granddaughter of co-chair Dorothy Arnieri

For more information regarding the Bloomingdale Women's Club, contact Membership Chair, Gayle Richard at (630) 539-1615.

Village Services Division Phone Numbers

Administration	671-5690
Building & Zoning	671-5660
Engineering Division	671-5676
Forestry Division	671-5804
Public Works Maintenance Division/Streets	671-5800
Utilities Division/Water Production/Water Distribution	671-5830
Wastewater Treatment Plant	671-5850



Bloomingdale Artists & fotoMuses Holding Spring Show May 17-June 21

The Bloomingdale Artists' Association and fotoMuses photographers will hold their Spring Show, in Galleries I & II, at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum at 108 S. Bloomingdale Road in Bloomingdale; from May 17 through June 21, 2008.

In Gallery I, the Bloomingdale Artists Association will hold its Fine Art Show. The annual exhibition of this local group of outstanding artists will feature a variety of media including drawing, painting, photography and more. The Bloomingdale Artists Association meets at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month from September through June at the museum, for a handson learning experience in various art techniques.

Gallery II will feature "Portals," from The fotoMuses, a group of accomplished women photographers from the area.

A door. A window. An eye. An opening. A portal.

A single step can be a portal to one's own journey. That single step...into the unknown. This defines the images that will be presented in the fotoMuses photography exhibit. Once again the creative forces of these culturally diverse female photographers will bring excitement to Gallery II.

The public is invited to come to a complimentary reception on Sunday, May 18 from 2-4 p.m. to meet the artists. During the length of the exhibit, the museum will be open on Wed., 4-8 p.m.; Thurs./Fri. 10-4 p.m. and Sat. 12-4 p.m. At that time there will be an admission fee of \$1/residents/\$2/ non-residents/\$.50 seniors and children.

For more information, please call the museum curators at 630-539-3096.

Park District Bids Farewell to Executive Director Steve Scholten

Steve Scholten, Executive Director at the Bloomingdale Park District for the past 16 years, is leaving Bloomingdale to take a similar position with the Arlington Heights Park District. Mike Vogl, president of the park board reflected on Steve's departure.

"It is a great opportunity for Steve, but a big loss for Bloomingdale. He has been a great

asset to our district. Among his many accomplishments are the renovation of the Johnston Recreation Center, the renovation of the park district museum, the development of Old Town Park and the development of the Oasis Water Park.

Also under his leadership, we earned the 2006 National Gold Medal Award for Park and Recreation Management Excellence, developed our soon-to-be-opened Erie Park, and are near completion on the soccer fields and maintenance building in north Springfield Park. Steve has also put together a great professional staff. As of this writing, we are beginning the process of finding his replacement. These are large shoes to fill."

Mayor Bob Iden added his accolades. "Steve has not only been a champion for the Bloomingdale Park District; he also became involved in the community. He was one of the founding members of the Bloomingdale Intergovernmental Group, has been a charter member and long-time treasurer of the



At the April 5th Parks Foundation Volunteer Event Steve (standing middle) was presented with an Appreciation Award by the Foundation. He was surprised by the attendance of many of his family members. This family photo truly captures Steve's sense that family is very important.

Bloomingdale-Roselle Rotary and a long-time director of the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce, serving as president this year. Steve's contributions to this community have been felt far beyond the park district. We all wish him the very best."

Tip a Cop at TGI Friday's

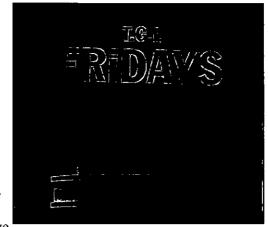
The staff of TGI Friday's – 302 W. Army Trail Road, Bloomingdale and the Bloomingdale Police Officers cordially invite you to "Tip A Cop" to benefit The Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois on Thursday, May 15 from 6 – 10 p.m.

The TGIFriday's staff and the Bloomingdale Police Officers will combine forces to serve

great food and drinks, as well as to raise awareness and funds for Special Olympics Illinois.

Torch Run t-shirts and hats will be available for purchase, as well as raffle tickets for a 2008 Harley Davidson FXCWC Rocker C motorcycle and other great prizes. Tax-deductible general donations will also be accepted.

For further information, please contact Officer Dawn Odoi of the Bloomingdale Police Department at (630) 529-9868.





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Tackle the Tower

Several Bloomingdale Police Department members competed in an event held by the American Lung Association called "Tackle the Tower." "Tackle the Tower" is a vertical climb of stairs consisting of 31 floors (62 flights of stairs/680 steps) in Oakbrook Terrace Tower. The Bloomingdale team competed against other Police Department teams and came in 2nd place. This is the second year we had a team participate in this event and both times they placed 2nd!

The Bloomingdale PD Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #175 generously donated money to the American Lung Association to cover a partial amount of each participant's registration fee. The Bloomingdale team raised \$665.00 for the American Lung Association.

Participants pictured are L-R: Bruce Mason, Jackie Slater, Dean Slater, Tara

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Makowskyj, Matt Wolenberg, Sean Noonan, Mike Gicla, and Frank Giammarese.

Recording Artist Tajci to Perform at St. Isidore's on Mother's Day

On Mother's Day, Sunday May 11, internationally acclaimed recording artist Tajci (TY-chee) will perform a faith filled concert in the main church at St. Isidore Catholic Church, 427 W. Army Trail, Bloomingdale, Ill. The show is free and begins at 4 p.m.

Since the spring of 2000, Tajci has shared her emotional pro-



grams in over 600 concerts, building a nationwide following for the artist, who as a teenager was a pop music superstar in communist central Europe. She abandoned her fame at age 21 and fled to the United States, where she eventually began performing in America. She is now married with three children.

The concert features the singer/songwriter on keyboards, backed by renowned musician Denny Bouchard, in an emotional portrayal of the life of the Blessed Mother. She will perform her hit song "Let It Be – Mary's Story" and many other songs she has composed. She will offer many of her CDs at the concert.

"Anyone who loves a great story of faith and inspiring music will love Tajci's concert," said Deacon John Freund at St. Isidore.

The free concert will be held in St. Isidore's main church on the corner of Army Trail Rd. and Gary Ave. in Bloomingdale. Free will donations will be accepted. For more information call: (630) 529-3045. You can also visit St. Isidore's web site at: www.stisidoreparish.org.

Celebrating Our Seniors

The 5th and 8th grade students at St. Isidore grade school recently hosted their annual Senior Celebration to show their appreciation and love for senior citizens in the parish and their grandparents. The event included celebration of the Mass, a breakfast, musical show performed by the students, photos and gifts. Pictured is fifth grader Isabella Thomason of Bartlett, (left), serving coffee to her grandparents, Jonathan and Maureen Howell of Bloomingdale.

"This (event) was absolutely adorable, full of St. Isidore's sweet spirit," said Mrs. Howell.



Bloomingdale News Briefs

BLOOMINGDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR DAY FAIR IS FRIDAY, MAY 9

The Bloomingdale Police Department and the Senior Citizen Advisory Council will be sponsoring a Senior Day Fair on Fri., May 9 from 9 am - noon. The fair provides seniors with an opportunity to meet with local agencies, service providers and area businesses in a comfortable & friendly atmosphere to learn about the various services available to them. Free admission, refreshments, giveaways and door prizes. The fair will be held at the Medinah Shriners Banquet Facility located on Swift Road just north of Army Trail Road.

For more information, please contact Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868.

GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE MAY 16-18

Direct from the club's Michigan grower, flats of annuals (48 per flat) - Proven Winners, wave petunias, hanging baskets, accent plants and geraniums in all hues. Also perennials from garden club members' gardens. Held: Fri, May 16 from 10 am - 4 pm; Sat, May 17 from 9 am - 4 pm; and Sun, May 18 from 11 am – 2 pm at Bloomingdale Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road. For more info: call Helen at (630) 980-6585 or email mittens2@sbcglobal.net

BLOOMINGDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY GARAGE SALE MAY 8-10

The Bloomingdale Historical Society holds its annual Garage Sale on Thurs, May 8 and Fri, May 9 from 9 am -5 pm and Sat, May 10 from 9 am -3 pm at the corner of Washington & Third Street across from Old Town Park. Donated items will be accepted on Wed, May 7, from 10 am - 3 pm.

GARDEN CLUB'S MEETING FEATURES 'ECO-GARDENS'

"Creating Eco-Gardens on Residential Landscapes," will be presented by Dennis Paige, an environmental educator and interpretive naturalist at the Spring Valley Nature Center in Schaumburg. Free admission. Meeting held on lower level of the Bloomingdale Public Library, May 21, 6:30 pm.

BLOOMINGDALE LIONS CLUB STEAK FRY, FRIDAY, MAY 9

Bloomingdale Lions Club Steak Fry takes place on Friday, May 9 from 5-8 pm at the Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road. For \$17 per person, you get a sirloin steak or BBQ chicken dinner grilled to order, along with salad, baked potato, rolls & dessert. Proceeds go to community programs, as well as vision tests and eyeglasses for the needy.

LIONS' MOBILE HEARING UNIT OFFERING FREE HEARING TESTS ON MAY 9

Bloomingdale Lions Club is sponsoring the Mobile Hearing Unit where free hearing screenings are administered to anyone 18-years or over. Children 10-18 may be screened if accompanied by a parent or guardían who sign a permission slip available at the screening.

Screening takes a few minutes and persons who fail the screening are referred to hearing professionals for further evaluation and treatment. The mobile hearing unit will be located at the Medinah Shrine Facility on the east side of Schick Road, just north of Army Trail Road on Fri May 9 from 9 am - noon.

CANCER SOCIETY'S RELAY FOR LIFE JUNE 6-7

American Cancer Society Relay for Life -Bloomingdale/Roselle/Itasca at Lake Park High School West Campus. Sign up teams, get involved. Contact Ashley Carlson, 630-932-1141 or email at Ashley.Carlson@cancer.org

ANNUAL POSTAL FOOD DRIVE ON MAY 10

Saturday, May 10 marks the National Association of Letter Carriers annual food drive. Have non-perishables by your mailbox by 9 a.m. Donations are given to Bloomingdale Township Pantry which

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2008 Annual Water Quality Report

Village of Bloomingdale, Illinois

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE water system to provide safe drinking water. The drinking water used by BLOOMINGDALE is purchased from the Dupage Water Commission and is supplied to them under contract from the City of Chicago, whose source is Lake Michigan. For more information regarding this report, contact:

Name:

Village Services Department -

Utilities Division Robert C. Maguire, Utilities Superintendent

Phone:

(630) 671-5830

Sources of Drinking Water

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and groundwater wells. As water travels over the



DuJardin student Alex Golab enjoys a cool, refreshing drink of water.

surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health. Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno - compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV / AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA / CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Source Water Assessment

For the period of January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007.

A Source Water Assessment summary is included below for your convenience.

Source Water Location

The City of Chicago utilizes Lake Michigan as its source water via two water treatment plants. The Jardine Water Purification Plant serves the northern areas of the City and suburbs, while the South Water Purification Plant serves the southern areas of the City and suburbs. Lake Michigan is the only Great Lake that is entirely contained within the United States. It borders Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin, and is the second largest Great Lake by volume with 1,180 cubic miles of water and third largest by area.

Susceptibility to Contamination

The Illinois EPA considers all surface water sources of community water supplies to be susceptible to potential pollution problems. The very nature of surface water allows contaminants to migrate into the intake with no protection, only dilution. This is the reason for mandatory treatment for all surface water supplies in Illinois.

Chicago's offshore intakes are located at a distance that shoreline impacts are not usually considered a factor on water quality. At certain times of the year, however, the potential for contamination exists due to wet weather flows and river reversals. In addition, the placement of the crib structures may serve to attract waterfowl, gulls and terns that frequent the Great Lakes area, thereby concentrating fecal deposits at the intake and thus compromising the source water quality. Conversely, the shore intakes are highly susceptible to storm water runoff, marinas, and shoreline point sources due to the influx of groundwater to the lake. Throughout history there have been extraordinary steps taken to assure a safe source of drinking water in the Chicagoland area -- from the building of the offshore cribs and the introduction of interceptor sewers to the lock - and - dam system of Chicago's waterways and the city's Lakefront Zoning Ordinance.

Citizens should be aware that everyday activities in an urban setting might have a negative impact on their source water. Efforts should be made to improve awareness of storm water drains and their direct link to the lake within the identified local source water area. A proven best management practice (BMP) for this purpose has been the identification and stenciling of storm water drains within a watershed. Stenciling along with an educational component is necessary to keep the lake a safe and reliable source of drinking water.

2007 Water Quality

Definition of Terms

The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.

<u>Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):</u> The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Level Found: This column represents an average of sample result data collected during the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) calendar year. In some cases, it may represent a single sample if only one sample was collected.

Range of Detections: This column represents a range of individual sample results, from lowest to highest that were collected during the CCR calendar year.

<u>Date of Sample:</u> If a date appears in this column, the Illinois EPA requires monitoring for this contaminant less than once a year because the concentrations do not frequently change. If no date appears in the column, monitoring of this contaminant was conducted during the CCR calendar year.

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Treatment Technique (TT): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

City of Chicago (Parent Supply) Detected Regulated Contaminants

Microbial Contaminants

Contaminant (unit of measurement) Typical source of contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detections	Violation	Date of Sample
TOTAL COLIFORM Bacteria (% po/mo) Human and animal fecal waste	0	5%	0.54% in July 07	n/a		
FECAL COLIFORM and E.COLI (% po/mo) Human and animal fecal waste	0	0	2	n/a		
Turbidity (% <0.3 NTU) Soil runoff. Lowest monthly percent meeting limit	n/a	TT/95%	100.0%	n/a		
Turbidity (NTU) Soil runoff. Highest single measurement	n/a	TT= 1 NTU max	0.58	n/a		

Inorganic Contaminants

Contaminant (unit of measurement) Typical source of contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detections	Violation	Date of Sample
Arsenic (ppb) Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from electronics production plants	0	10	0.56	0.52-0.56		
Barium (ppm) Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits	2	2	0.018	0.018-0.018		
Nitrate (as Nitrogen) (ppm) Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits	10	10	0.41	0.37-0.41		
Nitrate & Nitrite (ppm) Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits	10	10	0.42	0.37-0.42		



Disinfectants/Disinfection By-Products

Contaminant (unit of measurement) Typical source of contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detections	Violation	Date of Sample	
TTHM'S Total Trihalomethanes (ppb) By-product of drinking water disinfection	n/a	80	16.5*	9.9- 24.0			
HAA5 (Haloacetic Acids) (ppb) By-product of drinking water disinfection	n/a	60	8.53*	4.6- 12.3			
Chlorine (as Cl2) (ppm) (Drinking water disinfectant	4.0	4.0	0.77	0.65- 0.77			
TOC (Total Organic Carbon)	The percentage of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal was measured each month and the system met all TOC removal requirements set by IEPA						

^{*} Highest Running Average computer quarterly

Unregulated Contaminants

Contaminant (unit of measurement) Typical source of contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detections	Violation	Date of Sample
Sulfate (ppm) Erosion of naturally occurring deposits	n/a	n/a	20.6	19.1- 20.6		

State Regulated Contaminants

Contaminant (unit of measurement) Typical source of contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detections	Violation	Date of Sample
Fluoride (ppm) Water additive which promotes strong teeth	4.0	4.0	0.98	0.90 - 0.98		
Sodium (ppm) Erosion of naturally occurring deposits;Used as water softener.	n/a	n/a	7.40	7.30 - 7.40		

Radioactive Contaminants

Contaminant (unit of measurement) Typical source of contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Found	Range of Detections	Violation	Date of Sample
Beta/Photon Emitters (pCi/l) Decay of natural and man-made deposits.	0	50	2.000	nd -2.000		11/05/01

2007 Non-Regulated Contaminant Detections -- Additional Contaminants

the following table identifies contaminants detected within the last five years. State and federal regulations do not require monitoring for these contaminants and no Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) has been established. These detections are for informational purposes only. The CCR Rule does not require that this information be reported; however, it may be useful when evaluating possible sources of contamination or characterizing overall water quality.

Contaminant	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detections		
Boron (ppb)	28.0	28.0-28.0		
Molybdenum (ppb)	31.0	0-31.0		

Unit of measurement

ppm - parts per million, or milligrams per liter

ppb - parts per billion, or micrograms per liter

NTU - Nephelometric Turbidity Unit, used to measure cloudiness in drinking water

%< 0.5 NTU - percent samples less than 0.5 NTU

pCi/l - picocuries per liter, used to measure radioactivity

Water Quality Data Table Footnotes

Turbidity

Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of water quality and the effectiveness of filtration and disinfectants.

Unregulated Contaminants

A maximum contaminant level (MCL) for this contaminant has not been established by either state or federal regulations, nor has mandatory health effects language. The purpose of monitoring this contaminant is to assist USEPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water, and whether future regulation is warranted.

Fluoride

Fluoride is added to the water supply to help promote strong teeth. The Illinois Department of Public Health recommends an optimal fluoride range of 0.9 mg/l to 1.2 mg/l.

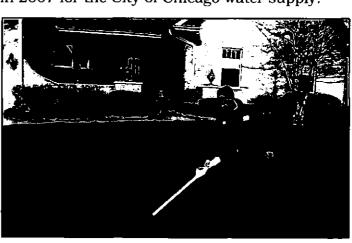
Sodium

There is no state/federal MCL for sodium. Monitoring is required to provide information to consumers and health officials concerned about sodium intake due to dietary precautions. If you are on a sodium-restricted diet, you should consult a physician about this level of sodium in the water.

2007 Violation Summary

No drinking water quality violations were recorded in 2007 for the City of Chicago water supply.

Customer Service Maintenance Worker John Thorpe works on locating service boxes as part of an ongoing system maintenance program to document into the Village's computerized mapping system.



Village of Bloomingdale Regulated Contaminants

(collected in 2007 unless otherwise noted)

Coliform Bacteria

Maximum Contaminant	Total Coliform Maximum	Highest No.# of Positive Total	Fecal Coliform or E. Coli. Maximum	Total No.# of positive E. Coli or Fecal Coliform Samples	Violations	Likely source of contamination
	1 positive monthly sample	0	Fecal Coliform or E. Coli MCL: a routine sample is total coliform positive, and one is also fecal coliform or E. Coli positive		No	Naturally present in environment

Lead and Copper

Lead MCLG	Lead Action Level	Lead 90th percentile	# sites over	Copper MCLG	Copper 90th percentile	# sites over Copper AL	Likely source of contaminant
0 ppb	15 ррв	2.4 ppb	1	1.3 ppm	<0.001 ppm	0	Corrosion of house- hold plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALG's allow for a margin of safety.



Water System
Operator Pat
Maranto preps
piping in Pump
Station #8 prior to
repainting as part
of the Village's
facility maintenance program.

Al Bruno and Lauren Moore make repairs to a valve manhole on Bob-o-link and Meadowlark Lanes.



Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products

Regulated	Date Collected	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	Unit of Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Violation	Likely source of contamination
Total Trihalome- thanes (ppb)	10/22/2007	44.6	24.3- 44.6	ppb	n/a	80*	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	4/10/2007	20.5	10.8- 20.5	ppb		60*	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Chlorine (ppm)		0.60	0 30- 0.60	ppm	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4		Water additive used to control microbes

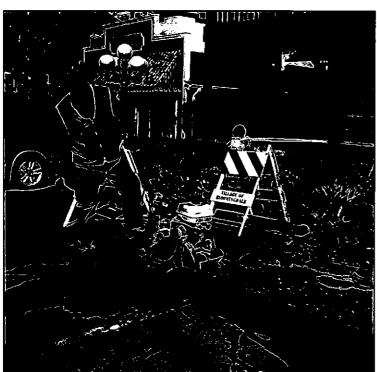
^{*} Highest Running Average computed quarterly

MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level

MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected health risk MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

MRDL: Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level – The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. MRDLG: Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal – The level of disinfectant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.

Note: The State requires monitoring of certain contaminants less than once a year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Therefore some of this data may be more than one year old.



2007 Violation Summary

No drinking water quality violations were recorded in 2007 for the City of Chicago or for the Village of Bloomingdale water supply.

Tom King on Third Street in Old Town working on the mainline valve and hydrant replacement program. Village of Bloomingdale 201 S. Bloomingdale Road Bloomingdale, Illinois 60108 PRESORTED STANDARD U.S. POSTAGE PAID Bloomingdale, IL 60108 Permit No.# 16

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Tell the world that Mom or Dad is your personal hero by placing a brick with your sentiments at the "Everyday Heroes" statue in Old Town Park. The 4x8 bricks are \$100 each and hold three lines of copy at 13 spaces each. Bricks are also still available at the golf course and the library statue sites for \$75 each. All orders placed by June 16, 2008 will be installed this summer. A card announcing your gift to either parent is available at no charge. Call Mary Ellen at the Village Hall at 671-5600 for more information or to place an order.

Another "novel" gift idea is a copy of the newly published "Bloomingdale" book which covers the story of Bloomingdale from 1982 through 1983, as told through photographs and captions. Historic views of current areas and structures are featured, including historic photographs of the recently renovated old school at Lake and Third Street. There are also many pictures of friends & neighbors from the past. The book is available for \$19.99 from the Bloomingdale Public Library or the Village Hall.

If you would like an autographed copy with a personal message for your gift, email your request to mej221@hotmail.com and specify if you would like to pick up your book at the Bloomingdale Library or at the Village Hall.

